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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Whitsell to quit Pontoon board

After more than 30 years of public service ranging from health inspector to county board member, Pontoon Beach Trustee Lou Whitsell is calling it quits.

Whitsell, 62, has announced that he will be moving out of the village and resigning sometime around June 1.

He plans to move to Worden, where he will live on a 20-acre farm.

Whitsell got his start in politics in the 1960s when he started complaining about water conditions in Long Lake at Village Board meetings.

While trying to clean up the lake, Whitsell said he went to the township and county, but nobody would do anything.

"So I ran against them," he said.

Five plead not guilty in Chemetco case

Chemetco and five other defendants who are former employees of the copper smelter near Hartford were arraigned in U.S. District Court on Monday.

Each defendant was charged with conspiracy. The case charges that Chemetco, acting through its managers and others, continued to discharge pollutants — including heavy metals lead zinc and cadmium — into Long Lake from a secret pipe.

The illegal discharge allegedly occurred from September 1986 until it was discovered by inspectors from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in September 1996.

All defendants pleaded not guilty except for the company, which did not enter a plea. A not guilty plea was entered on its behalf by the court.

Bomb threat leads to suspension

The Granite City School Board suspended a 15-year-old freshman who called in a bomb threat at the high school last month.

The board unanimously approved the suspension — for the rest of the school year — at Tuesday's meeting.

Fans find The Force with them

Lines await 'Star Wars' buyers

By Curtiss A. Hartley
 Staff writer

They would have to admit the force must have been with them.

Jeremy Niemeyer and Shannon Gergen, both 18 and from Granite City, were the first to purchase tickets for the new

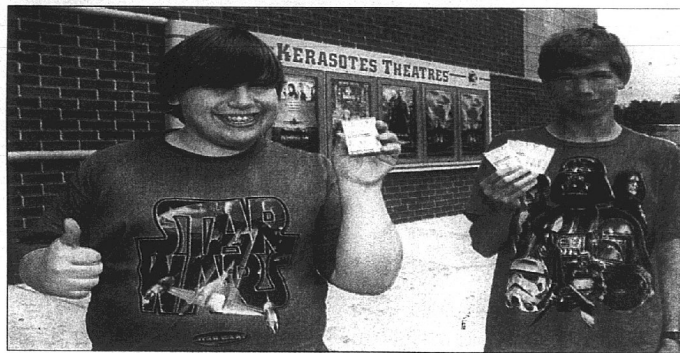
"Star Wars" movie, "The Phantom Menace," in Kerasotes Showplace 12

Edwardsville Wednesday afternoon.

Smiling broadly, they held high their small stacks of tickets. Niemeyer said, "We're gods," as they climbed into Gergen's green Plymouth Duster with a license plate that reads, "JEDI 51."

Tickets went on sale at 2 p.m., and the line of about 300 people was gone by 3 p.m. Officials at the theater said that the only show sold out was the first night's 12:01

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Trail hearing draws sparse crowd

Plan appears 'interesting'

By Scott Cousins
 Staff writer

A public meeting on the proposed Schoolhouse Trail drew a sparse crowd Thursday.

Mark A. Steyer of Oates Associates, a consulting firm handling the project for the

Madison County Transit District, said very few people attended the hearing, held at the Illinois Department of Transportation headquarters in Collinsville.

Cheryl Porter, assistant director of development and administration for the city of Edwardsville, was one of a handful of people who braved Thursday's storms to look at the plan.

Porter said she was interested in the route and how it would go through the town. She said it appeared "interesting" but needed more connections to other trails.

"It's a good start," she said. The proposed trail would total about 20 miles in three segments — southern, northern and a small spur in Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

The southern segment would begin at Illinois 203 in Madison near Horseshoe Lake, loop around the north side of the lake, through Pontoon Beach and Maryville, ending at the intersection of Troy



Cheryl Porter, Edwardsville asst. director of development and administration, looks over plans for the proposed trail.

The northern section would begin near the Madison County Courthouse at Second and High streets, go around Hoppe Park to Wanda, then south on Wanda Road to Poag

Road. "Some of the nice pieces on the north section are some of the old railroad bridges we'll be crossing over," Steyer said.

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Mitchell not down for the count yet

Residents still fighting to incorporate

By Michael Heil
 Staff writer

Mitchell residents have been knocked down but not out.

As long as there is another round to be fought in their effort to

incorporate, Mitchell residents will continue to punch and jab away through legal representation until they become a village.

"We're going to fight this until the end. It's going to be long and drawn out before it's

"We're going to fight this until the end. It's going to be long and drawn out before it's over."

Eddie Lee
 Mitchell fire chief

over. We're still working at it, still pushing," said Mitchell Fire Chief Eddie Lee. The more than 40 residents who attended a meeting at

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Board approves Y rezoning

Plan would change tracts to commercial lots

By Michael Heil
 Staff writer

The Granite City Planning and Zoning Commission passed a motion Thursday evening

by a 7-1 vote, with one abstention, that would allow tracts along Pontoon Road to be rezoned from residential to commercial. If the Granite City Council votes in favor of the commission's motion, two tracts of land at 1620 Pontoon

Road will be rezoned from R-2 to C-3.

The Granite City School District, which owns the tracts, would like to sell them to the Tri-City YMCA so that the organization could build a new state-of-the-art facility there.

Granite City School District Superintendent Steve Balen, along with YMCA Executive Director Richard Wittmann and YMCA Board of Directors President and Attorney John Papa, attended the meeting.

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Bogus bomb threat

Employees and customers wait outside on the Collinsville Wal-Mart parking lot Thursday afternoon while Collinsville police and other area authorities search for a bomb which a caller, described to Collinsville police as being middle-aged, to the store said would be detonated inside the store. The threat turned out to be a hoax, but area officers and store officials took no chances, evacuating the building.

County finance committee slams Bathon's tactics again

Panel recommends taking \$18,000 out of budget

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Officials scolded Madison County Treasurer Fred Bathon again Thursday, recommending that \$18,067 be taken out of his office's budget to replenish that of Auditor H. Jack Frandsen's.

The County Board has control of the budget to provide a check, Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine told Bathon. "You used your power to obstruct budgetary limitations and to feather your nest as treasurer."

The County Board's Finance Committee will recommend the fund transfer, along with a censure of Bathon, to the entire board at its meeting Wednesday.

Thursday's meeting was a lively affair, with Haine telling Bathon that his purchase of furniture and bonds with auditor's funds for use in the treasurer's office was illegal. Bathon was auditor for about 10 years until being elected treasurer last November and taking over that office Dec. 1.

"I'll look at whether he was breaking the law and what is the penalty," Haine said after the meeting. "He was doing what he could to take what he could within the limits."

Bathon said removing more than \$18,000 from his office fund could hinder his

operations. "If we need it, we'll spend it," Frandsen said. "If we don't need it, we won't spend it."

The Finance Committee had made the recommendation to censure Bathon two weeks ago because of what it called his repeated "inappropriate" behavior. Bathon would be the first elected official to be censured in Madison County's history, Haine said.

"We want to keep this from ever happening again," said board member Bill Little, D-Alton, the committee's

chairman. Meanwhile, Haine kept railing against Bathon.

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Venice group plans protest in Springfield

Power plant reassessment causing concern

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Venice citizens upset with the recent reassessment of the AmerenUE generating plant plan to meet Tuesday to consider action, including going to Springfield to protest and meet with legislators.

The meeting is sponsored by the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now and will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Venice Senior Citizens Building, 1300 Klein.

The assessed value of the generating plant — operating in the city since 1942 — was recently reduced to \$1 million from \$6 million. That is a loss of about one-third of the city's total assessed value.

The reassessment was ordered after AmerenUE officials complained that the plant had been improperly assessed for a number of years.

Venice City Attorney Casper Nighohossian had told the council at previous meetings that power plants are assessed differently

from other property. While most property is assessed at one-third its actual value, power plants are assessed at their value minus depreciation, meaning that eventually, the plant would have no assessed value.

Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols said the reassessment would cost the city several hundred thousand dollars in tax revenue each year and would cost the school district even more.

Because of that and a negative multiplier expected this year, the city could lose almost 50 percent of its tax base, Echols said that would require a cutback in

services and could eventually lead to the dissolution of the city.

"We feel that will be a devastating blow to the city of Venice," said Rev. John Henry Williams, president of the local ACORN chapter. Williams said officials are planning to go to Springfield — possibly Wednesday — to protest and meet with legislators.

"We're really going to protest because it's wrong," Williams said.

For information about the meeting, call 874-4507 or 877-5683.

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School Board approves grant money spending

Funds going for drama club, satellite library

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

The Granite City School Board unanimously approved spending \$2,800 in grant money on school projects this year.

The grants were secured by Granite City School District grant writer Goni Michaeloff and approved Tuesday by the board.

A \$1,000 matching grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation will be used at Prather Elementary School for a newly organized 40-member drama club. The funds will be used for props, costumes and scenery.

Money also will go toward transportation so club members can perform at district elementary schools and at St. Elizabeth Medical Center's rehab facility and children's units.

Another \$1,000 matching grant will be used at Marshall Elementary School for a satellite library to be

A pair of matching grants from Wal-Mart will go to help a newly organized drama club at Prather Elementary School and to help open a satellite library for Kirkpatrick Homes residents at Marshall Elementary School.

used by students, community members and children from Kirkpatrick Homes.

A \$500 grant from Sam's Club/Wal-Mart will be awarded to Teacher of the Year Alicia Popilchak. A \$500 check will be presented to her May 24 at Niedringhaus Elementary School.

Popilchak, a vocal music teacher at Niedringhaus and Marshall elementary schools, will use the funds to purchase school materials.

A \$300 environmental grant will be used to maintain the butterfly garden at Coolidge Middle School.

In other business, the

board recognized Jesse Cross, 17, and Chris Tindall, 18, with plaques for their accomplishments at the Illinois Drafting Educators Association regional competition, held last month at Illinois State University in Normal. Area high school students competed against each other in fields relating to drafting.

Cross placed first in the mechanical computer-aided drafting division, and Tindall placed first in the architectural CAD division.

Cross also competed in the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America state division and finished in second place. The competition was held last month.



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Open house at BAC

Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus recently held a Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours open house to showcase recent renovations on campus, which was the former Granite City North High School. BAC Career Placement Director Jack Mulach, second from left, talks with, from left, Paula Koskie of Career Placement, Rich Timko, a Collinsville High School counselor, and Sharron Owca, secretary to the GCC provost.

Madison firefighters kept busy Thursday

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison firefighters were kept busy Thursday night with two separate fires — one a suspected arson and the other apparently caused by someone smoking in bed.

No injuries were reported in either blaze, but one residence was totally destroyed.

The first fire occurred at 1111 Greenwood St. at about 8

p.m. Fire Chief Mike Foley said the blaze was first reported by Street Superintendent Ron Grzywacz.

That fire is considered suspicious and is under investigation.

The second fire started in an apartment at 924 Madison Avenue at about 2:50 a.m. The blaze — which apparently started when someone fell asleep while smoking in bed — was contained in that room.

Foley noted that there have been four fires in the past month caused by careless smokers, including the April 14 fire that destroyed another apartment building on Madison Avenue.

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Despite problems, Ryan's proposal may succeed

State's heavy hitters likely to support spending plan

Gov. George Ryan's fantastically gigantic \$12 billion infrastructure improvement program looked like a winner when he took it to the legislature earlier this month. With all of the money to spread around — five times more than former Gov. Jim Thompson's Build Illinois plan from the 1980s — surely everyone at the Statehouse would be happy campers.

But not long afterward, some of the luster had faded, and most members grimly prepared to face their constituents over last weekend.

Ryan gave the finest speech of his life. He approached eloquence as he challenged the legislature to embrace his bold plan for the future.

Huge numbers of roads, bridges and schools throughout Illinois require immediate repair, he reminded them. Mass transit districts and sewer and water districts are in desperate need of funding. The time to act is now, he said. Any delays in fixing what everyone knew was broken would only mean higher costs down the road.

But progress always has a price tag, and \$12 billion is a lot of money. Ryan's team had managed to keep the state's costs surprisingly low, about half the total. Most of the rest would come from federal matching funds, and some would be contributed by local governments.

And instead of putting the state too deeply in debt, \$400 million in cash would be spent every year for five years directly on the infrastructure



Rich Miller

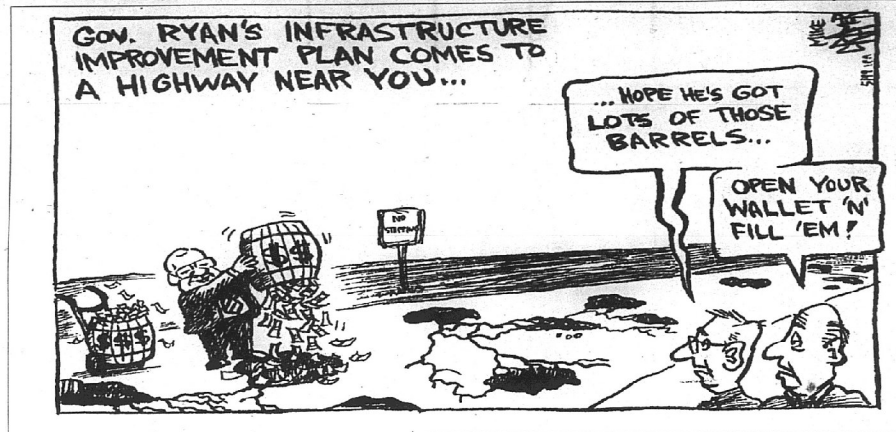
projects. About \$200 million would be set aside for bonding each year.

But even with all of the fiscal maneuvering, legislators still had to agree to raise a little over \$600 million in new taxes and fees.

Raising taxes is never a pleasant thing for politicians. They do things to make their voters happy, and raising taxes never makes anyone happy.

Even so, Ryan's proposal to jack up the sales tax on beer, wine and hard liquor met almost no resistance. The taxes on those products haven't been hiked in decades, and they are insignificant, negligible, less than a penny on a can of beer and about a quarter on a bottle of whiskey. What made everyone blanch was Ryan's idea to double the annual license plate, from \$48 to \$96.

Legislators, suspicious by nature, smelled trouble. Ryan had pledged during the campaign year not to raise taxes and to fund any infrastructure improvements with existing revenues. But here he was, proposing to double the plate fee. This might not play well back in the district, many thought.



Sure enough, the calls started coming into their offices the very next day from angry senior citizens who live on "fixed incomes." Oldsters are a much-feared political demographic because they vote in higher percentages than the rest of the population. Cross them and you die.

Ryan's plan has another problem with some legislators. According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, big trucks do over 90 percent of the damage to our highways. Yet, Ryan's proposed increase on the

annual truck registration fee is 15 percent.

The money from the truck fees was dead last on Ryan's revenue source list. That doesn't seem fair to some people. If trucks cause the vast majority of the damage, then why not make them pay more to fix the roads, and give the automobile drivers a break on the 100 percent plate fee hike?

As of this writing, that is the most talked-about compromise. But the trucking industry will fight any increase above Ryan's current levels.

In Springfield, whenever the big-time money people all pull in the same direction, they almost always win. The unions absolutely love this job-creating plan, as do the road builders, the school people who are desperate for money to fix their crumbling buildings, the pinstripe types who will handle the bonding, and the mayors and township road supervisors who have been clamoring for infrastructure funding for years.

Lots of people are going to make lots of money off of this

project, and that means an inordinate amount of pressure will be exerted on the governor's behalf by people who know how to write checks to campaigns.

Barring any other major unforeseen problems (and those tend to crop up on things like this), if Ryan can get that plate fee increase in line, we'll all be stuck in construction zone traffic very soon.

(Rich Miller is an independent journalist who covers government issues for the Illinois Press Association.)

Computer filing system would help farmers

By U.S. Sen. Peter G. Fitzgerald

Inefficient and ill-conceived regulations are undermining the vitality of our farms and other businesses, and impeding innovation and economic growth.

According to a U.S. Small Business Administration study, regulations and government paperwork cost American citizens and businesses \$700 billion in 1988, a price to the average American household of more than \$7,000 per year.

Unfortunately, our nation's farmers have not escaped the bureaucratic red tape. The American Farm Bureau Federation estimates that federal regulations cost farmers more than \$20 billion every year. This hurts all Americans.

Farmers cannot produce for the market and remain competitive if they are buried in paper and suffocating from an overzealous bureaucracy. Many times, farmers have been promised regulatory reform, but progress has been slow. In 1998 alone, federal agencies published 4,999 final rules covering 68,571 pages, an increase of more than 6 percent in only one year.

Illinois farmers are now coping with slumping commodity prices and dropping agricultural exports; they have more important problems to deal with than wading through a ton of paperwork. Complying with these regulations requires time and effort.

Currently, when farmers are required to fill out USDA paperwork, they must travel to their local USDA county office, wait in long lines, fill out the forms by hand and file these documents in paper form.

This process is very inefficient and time consuming, and farmers are frustrated. To begin to address this problem, I recently introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate to

streamline the process farmers follow when filing paperwork with the Department of Agriculture. My bill, the Freedom to E-File Act, requires the USDA to develop a system for farmers to access and file this paperwork over the Internet. Congressman Ray LaHood is leading the fight for similar legislation in the House of Representatives.

The Freedom to E-File Act makes good sense. As our society has become more technologically advanced, so have our farmers. In fact, a 1998 Novartis survey found that more than half of all farmers, and 72 percent of farmers with 500 acres or more, have personal computers. Our farmers use computers not only for financial management and market information but also for sophisticated precision agriculture management systems.

These sophisticated computer applications have become almost commonplace. Many Illinois farmers could easily file necessary farm program paperwork from their homes using the Internet system using existing funds. This legislation is not a panacea. It is only a first step toward bringing long-overdue fairness and common sense to government regulations. Far more, needs to be done.

Federal rules imposed on small businesses have increased 37 percent over the past five years alone. But this is a good start. It's a reasonable, sensible way to help farmers spend less time filling out papers and more time on their farms. It will help increase the efficiency of our agricultural sector.

(Peter G. Fitzgerald is a Republican U.S. Senator from Chicago.)

Letters to the editor

Everyone deserves a chance to reach dreams
TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to respond to one of your readers who wrote an article in your April 11 opinions section. Sandra L. Crowley wrote about a young girl confined to a wheelchair.

Hundreds of children will continue to die on our roads, until the current state law is changed. The evidence is clear: Drivers who do not buckle up, do not buckle up children.

Primary enforcement seat belt laws allow police to stop and ticket drivers for not wearing a seat belt, just like any other traffic violation. Currently, 14 states and the District of Columbia have enacted primary enforcement laws.

States that have enacted primary enforcement laws have much higher rates of seat belt use. When Louisiana passed a primary enforcement law, child seat belt use in that state increased from 45 percent to 82 percent in just two years. The passage of a primary enforcement law in Illinois is projected to save 210 lives, prevent 6,616 injuries, and save \$445 million each year.

Those who claim primary enforcement laws deprive motorists of their "personal freedom" should consider the children who die in car crashes every day as a result of their parents' willingness to invoke that "personal freedom."

MICHAEL J. MADIGAN
Speaker of the Illinois House

Relatives sought
TO THE EDITOR:

I am searching for possible relatives of mine who may be subscribers to your paper. They would be descendants of William Stanley Miller and Sarah J. Dayton. Both are buried in Borlin Cemetery in Green County.

William Stanley Miller was a brother of my grandfather, Francis Marion Miller, who had moved to Pike County, Mo., in 1896.

I have a photo of a Mae Miller, daughter-in-law of William Stanley Miller, taken in 1977 with her three sons and one daughter. Mae Miller is believed to be the widow of either Clyde or Fred Miller.

My daughter in the photo is supposed to have been employed at one of the area banks.

I am very interested in contacting anyone with information on this family. Possibly one of your readers will reply.

Thanks for your help.
MARY LEE (MILLER) BAKER
Louisiana, Mo.

Seat belts all important
TO THE EDITOR:
Each year, dozens of children die on Illinois

roadways simply because they were not wearing seat belts.

Car crashes are the leading cause of death to children. Every state has passed mandatory seat belt laws for children, yet six out of 10 children killed in auto wrecks are unbelted.

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MICHAEL J. MADIGAN
Speaker of the Illinois House

School safety top priority
TO THE EDITOR:

First, make school safety a national priority over the Balkanization of states.

Second, it's time for school uniforms, closed campuses and metal detectors.

Third, it's time for parents to be significantly involved and supportive of their local schools.

Fourth, it's time — after due process and conviction — to execute shooters ages 14 and older who randomly murder students on a school campus. These punks need to know that their actions can be fatal — to them.

Fifth, it's time for law enforcement and school leaders to support a school resource officer in the middle schools and high schools throughout the United States.

Sixth, it's time to post the Ten Commandments and bring school prayer back.

Seven, it's time for law

enforcement and school authorities to have the right to share all relevant information on a "need-to-know basis." To heck with unbridled juvenile confidentiality.

J.W. "SKIP" BENNETT
Director
Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission

Mentoring important
TO THE EDITOR:

The tragedy in Denver reminded me all too well about why we must care for our children.

According to non-stop media coverage, the individuals responsible for the massacre in Littleton, Colo., were two teenage boys — kids. Classmates reported that the boys were considered "nerds," "losers," and "didn't really belong." As a result, the boys considered themselves "outsiders."

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(Rich Miller is an independent journalist who covers government issues for the Illinois Press Association.)

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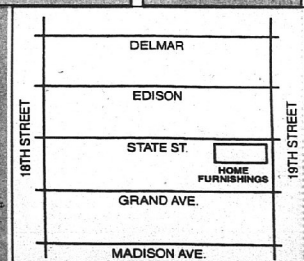
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Obituaries

James Morrison
JAMES H. MORRISON, 64, of St. Charles, Mo., died Monday, May 10, 1999.



Mr. Morrison was head football coach and track coach at Granite City High School from 1963-69 and assistant football coach at Washington University in St. Louis from 1969-77. He later retired from Hitachi Electronics International.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Morrison; two sons, Paul Morrison and Michael Morrison; two daughters, Patricia Faber and Susan Davis; his stepmother, Irene Uffelt; one brother, Alan Morrison; and three grandchildren, Adam and Lindsay Morrison, and Jacqueline Faber. A memorial service was held Saturday, May 15, at Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Road, Manchester, Mo.

Memorials may be made to Manchester United Methodist Church, 129 Woods Mill Road, Manchester, Mo. 64302.

Marian Delozier
MARIAN R. (PASCHEDAG) DELOZIER, 71, of Granite City died at

4:50 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Mrs. Delozier was born July 10, 1927, in Granite City. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Gerald Delozier; three daughters, Judy Ewing of Springfield, Diane Schrang of Granite City, and April Delozier of Atlanta; two sons, Wayne Delozier of St. Louis and Franklin Delozier of Granite City; three brothers, Charles Paschedag of Edwardsville, Jack Paschedag of Granite City, and Donald Paschedag of Mitchell; one sister, Margaret Deatherage of Fairview Heights; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ora (Goetz) Paschedag; two sisters, Frances Doby and Betty Davis; and one brother, William Paschedag.

Services were held Wednesday, May 12, at Thomas Memorial Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Francis Tebarunga officiating. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to St. Elizabeth Catholic Church or the American Cancer Society. The *Press-Record-Journal* will publish obituaries up to two weeks following the funeral services. Although most obituaries are received from local funeral homes, obituary notices can be sent to the newspaper at Granite City, *Press-Record-Journal*, 1815 Delmar, Granite City, IL 62040.

Circuit Court starts assistance program

Judges hope parents use opportunity to pay child support

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

Lack of money no longer will be an excuse in Madison County Circuit Court child support and divorce cases.

Officials are implementing an employment assistance program in Family Court that will allow judges to order noncustodial parents to seek jobs or training to help pay their child's expenses.

"We're trying to take away any excuses," Associate Judge Barbara Crowder said. Fellow judges asked Crowder to put together the program, and a number of agencies assisted in the process. The program is based on a similar concept in DuPage County, she said.

The Madison County Employment and Training Department will oversee the program, and TASC Inc. and Chestnut Health Systems, two local drug treatment agencies, will coordinate those services, if needed.

The goal of the program is

to provide economic stability for children and self-sufficiency for adults who are involved in Family Court, Chief Judge Andy Matosian said.

"Although the court cannot assist people in obtaining employment, we can do our best to connect them with agencies that can," he said.

Many children of divorce are recipients of public assistance or are residents of low-income households with a second parent who is unemployed. The amount of child support generally is related to the income of the noncustodial parent.

People in divorce cases also may need assistance in supporting themselves. People who have been homemakers or part-time employees often need training to get back into the work force, Crowder said.

Here is how the program will work: The court will order a party to report to the Employment and Training Department and be given a referral form. Eventually, the department will set up an initial meeting at one of its offices — in Alton,

Glen Carbon, Granite City or Greenville.

Substance abuse screening is involved to see if there is a problem that would prevent the party from participating in a job search.

Those who are immediately capable of beginning the process are evaluated to determine if they have job skills or are in need of training. A case manager then is able to evaluate the employability of the party. Ultimately, the court will get a status report.

The party will seek employment with the assistance of the Employment Training Department and must keep a job diary showing the name, address, telephone number and contact person for each potential employer.

If a person obtains employment, the court is told, and a child-support order or maintenance review order can be entered.

If the party is complying but not yet employed, the court will conduct periodic status hearings.

Failure to follow the order could result in a contempt

citation, Crowder said.

"They're under an obligation to maximize their ability to support themselves," she said. "Until now, the practice has been left up to the defendants to find the money through various programs."

She said she thinks the court "is in a unique position to identify people who are falling through cracks in other programs or who need the additional motivation."

Formation of the program was among the first tasks for Crowder, a judge only since December.

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'Star Wars' toys not flying off the shelves just yet

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff writer

Area merchants are waiting to ride the wave of "Star Wars" frenzy once "The Phantom Menace" opens Wednesday.

At the Target store in Edwardsville, employee Erin Pittman said, "Oh, but of course," when asked if the store was carrying the toys and figurines associated with the movie. Target has had the items for sale since the official street date of May 3, Pittman said.

"There have been a lot of collectors in, but we didn't

expect too much hype," she said. "I think most of the kids won't get too excited until they see the movie."

Don Wilburn, manager of the Walgreens store in Edwardsville, said he expects interest in the items to pick up once people have a chance to see the movie. "To be honest, at this point, there's not been a whole lot of interest," he said.

"I think once people see the movie, and see the characters that are in it, then there will be more interest," he said.

Police Blotter

Granite City Police

• **FAILURE TO APPEAR:** James Mitchell, 49, of 111 Convent Road, Belleville, was arrested after Thursday morning on a warrant for failure to appear for driving with a suspended license.

Mitchell was in custody at the Madison County Sheriff's Department when the warrant was issued.

• **THEFT:** A theft occurred in the 1600 block of Poplar Street Thursday afternoon in which a lawn mower was stolen in the back yard of a home.

The theft occurred about 5 p.m. The lawn mower was valued at \$400.

• **RESISTING ARREST:** William Green, 30, of 2312 Edna, Granite City, was charged Thursday with

resisting a police officer, failure to appear on a warrant for illegal transportation of alcohol and not having insurance.

Green was pulled over about 7 a.m. near the 1700 block of Walnut to proper use of registration. During a conversation with the responding police officer, Green stepped toward the back of his vehicle and then fled on foot to a nearby backyard.

Two officers chased Green, eventually apprehending him a short distance without any further incident. Green was taken into custody and his car was towed.

• **POSSESSION OF CANNIBIS:** Robert Brumley, 34, of 1751 Poplar St., Granite City, was charged Thursday with unlawful possession of cannabis.

An officer came in contact with Brumley on Niedringhaus Avenue about 6:05 p.m. At that time, he allegedly smelled cannabis on

Brumley's body.

When the officer asked Brumley if he had any illegal substances in his possession, Brumley allegedly handed the officer cannabis.

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The Force is with area 'Star Wars' fans

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show. Gergen said that about 60 people spent the night camped outside the theater in order to be among the first to purchase tickets for the long-awaited movie. "We came out at 11 o'clock last night, and I kind of thought there would be more people here," he said.

Like many others in the line, Gergen and Niemeyer brought out junk food, sleeping bags and "Star Wars Trivial Pursuit." Many also had laptop computers and cellular telephones.

Alan Boushvard, 21, of Collinsville got in line at about 12:30 a.m., he said. "I'm not a big 'Star Wars' fan," Boushvard said. "My friend is, and we've been doing shifts. I'm back from college, so I'm helping him."

Another Collinsville resident, Bill Brown, 26, waited all night for tickets. His wife, Julie Brown, 23, only showed up in the morning to bring breakfast. Bill Brown wasn't about to miss the chance to see the movie first, but Julie wasn't so dedicated. "I'm going to see the movie — but I would have waited," she said.

A group of seven college

students from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville had a dome tent set up near the start of the line. They lounged in recliners and lawn chairs, some reading and some sleeping. Most of them admitted they were too young to have been very excited about the first wave of "Star Wars" hysteria in 1977.

"I was five years old," Terry Smith said. "I went to see it three times that week with my dad," he said.

Many of the group from SIUE were planning to buy the maximum of 12 tickets allowed per person.

MCT trail hearing draws sparse crowd

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The spur section would be along Bluff Road on the SIUE campus and would connect the Delyte Morris Nature Trail to Poag Road.

Steyer said the original plan was to have the northern and southern segments connected, but during negotiations for the right-of-way, the railroads involved wanted to keep tracks between Troy and Edwardsville because of the potential for economic development.

However, he said they hope to eventually obtain that

right-of-way also.

The total cost of all sections is expected to be about \$4 million. Most of that would be paid by grants from the Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Steyer said funding has been secured from IDNR for the spur trail, but officials won't know if the rest of the trail is funded until August.

If approved and funded, the main sections of the trail would be built in segments, with construction starting on the southern portion first.

Eventually, the Schoolhouse Trail would be connected to

other Madison County Trails — either directly or through short stretches of public roads, including the Vadalabene Trail from Edwardsville to Granite City, the Ronald J. Foster Heritage Trail in Glen Carbon, the Delyte Morris Nature Trail in SIUE, and the Confluence Trail from Alton to Granite City.

The Vadalabene, Foster and Morris trails are completed. The Confluence Trail is being engineered and construction is expected to begin sometime next year.

Eventually, when Illinois 3 is reconstructed, the Confluence Trail is expected to extend to the Eads Bridge and MetroLink Station.

Mitchell not down for the count yet

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Chouteau Township Hall Wednesday evening displayed a fighting spirit that any hard-nosed boxer would be proud of as they voiced their concerns while listening to Lee speak about the slow but steady progress Mitchell has made toward incorporation.

One resident who displayed that fighting spirit was Eddie Tressler.

"We may not have the bucks that Granite City or Edwardsville has, but we have determination and we'll see this until there's no

more light," Tressler said.

Residents are somewhat pushed against the ropes now as House Bill 1124 has stagnated in the state Senate since April. The bill, which would enable Mitchell to become incorporated with a population base of 5,000 instead of 7,500 as the statute now requires, was presented by 111th District Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto.

Two other representatives, 112th District Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, and 113 District Rep. Tom Holbrook, D-Belleview, voted in favor of the bill. The bill zipped through the House 123-1.

If it remains in Senate committees until the end of May, residents will have to wait until September to see if the Senate decides to vote on its fate.

If it is killed, Alton attorney Jim Sinclair, who represents petitioners for Mitchell's incorporation, said that he will study other legal means as a way to deliver the knockout punch for incorporation.

"As long as there's a will, we'll look to find a way. There are always new avenues to explore," said a confident Sinclair.

One avenue, Sinclair said, would be the legal means used to annex land.

Rezoning for new Granite YMCA approved

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Afterward, they said they were delighted about the commission's decision.

"Hopefully this will signal a new spirit of cooperation that will benefit citizens of Tri-City in the future," Papa said.

Wittmann added, "We are excited at the YMCA to have an opportunity to develop a new facility there."

As for Baken, he said he hopes the council votes in favor because a new YMCA

would be an asset to the city and beneficial to its residents.

At Thursday's meeting, a handful of people who attended heard the only vote against come from Sandy Crites and the only abstention came from Gloria Harrison. A majority of those who attended the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in April voiced their concerns over the rezoning issue, arguing that if the YMCA did not raise the \$5 million to build the new facility, the land would remain commercial.

They said they did not want

any type of commercial building to be constructed on the site. Therefore, they asked the commission to issue a special permit that would allow those tracks to revert back to residential if the funds were not raised.

City Attorney Mark Spangler said such a permit would be a violation of the law in that zoning cannot be used for persons to use.

The issue over the permit was not debated at Thursday's meeting as the commission zipped through the vote process.

Madison man arrested on drug charges

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A Madison man was arrested Thursday on several drug-related charges.

Tommie L. McDonald, 55, of the 1700 block of Collinsville Road, was charged with one count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and two counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance.

As of Friday, he was in custody at the Madison County jail with bond set at \$75,000 on all three charges.

Detective Steve Shelby of the Madison Police Department said that at 10:47 a.m. Thursday, his department and the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois executed a search warrant at McDonald's home, after an informant had made several drug purchases there.

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What He wants to hear is your motive for achieving it. If your motive is good and pure, not selfish and self-glorifying, if it will glorify Him by being according to His will and make others happy, then you can have it.

With enthusiasm and drive you can do anything. Go toward your dreams with abandon, give it all you've got and life will give all it has to you. One of the few things in life over which we should have total control is our attitudes. Don't let the wrong attitudes of others put a stumbling block in your way.

A New You



Catherine Galasso

You will always have people raining on your parade. Just pop up a big, bright-as-the-sun, yellow umbrella of joyful purpose and keep on marching and singing in the rain. Never react to other people's wrong attitudes. Always save your reaction until you talk to God about it.

Then, after looking into His

loving, understanding and smiling face I'm positive you will be an overcomer. I love the saying, "There is nothing that's going to happen today that God and I can't handle together."

Each morning we have two choices, to embrace a positive outlook, or a negative one. Remember, "If it's to be, it's up to me." If something disturbing happens, you can be the victim or the victor. Learn from it.

If someone is complaining, try to point out the positive side of the situation. If you but just look, there are always streams in the desert. You have the choice of how you will react to situations, how others will view your mood and whether you let the situation control you or you control it.

Perhaps you have been put down so much in your life that you believe it's no use trying. But encourage yourself and your loved ones to move forward. Continue to grow and learn. Wisdom is never out of style. It is ever of the greatest value and therefore so are you who have acquired it.

"I always told my kids, never stop learning," says read Frank Trinka. "Life is a steady learning experience." Decide that you will succeed and affirm that fact continually by saying so. The Bible says, "You can have whatever you say if you believe in your heart and doubt not." Your imagination creates your reality.

We drive, fly and climb mountains by faith. Visualize your accomplishments, apply the same simple faith and you

can achieve great success. If we all did the things we are capable of doing, we would give up; you are closer to your goal than you think.

Thomas Edison tried more than 10,000 times before he invented the light bulb. When interviewed about that fact, he eliminated the word failed and replied, "I've had thousands of learning experiments that didn't work. I had to run through enough learning experiences to find a way that did work."

In other words he said to himself, "If it's to be, it's up to me."

You can be the person you are longing to be and achieve the dreams you hold in your heart. Just check your motive and attitude and make sure they are in harmony with

God's spirit and say again in your new heart, "If it's to be, it's up to me."

With joy you can take hold of your life. Remember, all things are possible to those who believe. Begin anew and restore those faded dreams, broken friendships, those youthful plans to impress the world with love. Live joyously and unselfishly and in time you will be wonderfully surprised.

See that beautiful sculpture in God's hall of fame? Go a little closer. Look. It's you!

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Village in strong shape, mayor says

Foster says new construction projects will be started this year

By Paul Mackie
Staff writer

Controversy over Main Street development aside, Glen Carbon Mayor Ron Foster says his village is in strong shape.

"What we need for Main Street is a fresh look, and we started that this week," Foster said.

Tuesday night in his annual State of the Village address.

Three new trustees were sworn in on the seven-member board Tuesday and had the chance to discuss in executive session the lingering effects of the village's termination of developer Larry Joiner's contract.

Joiner, who had been hired to revitalize the Old Town area, now is suing Glen Carbon for up to \$1.8 million, village attorney Gary Peel said.

"He's saying he wants at least five years of lost income, if not 15. In addition, he's saying the (village) contract

couldn't allow him to do anything else while he was hired."

Joiner's firm, L.M. Joiner and Associates, was paid \$10,000 per month, plus expenses, for eight months before the village rescinded the five-year agreement under pressure from residents who were unhappy about the money being paid.

Nevertheless, Foster looked forward to a year that will include several new projects.

"We have a pretty heavy agenda. I'm putting that out as a challenge to the trustees," Foster said.

Highlights of the 1999-2000 fiscal year will include the opening of the Meridian Village retirement community; construction of a \$2.5 million road to link Meridian and Glen Crossing roads; construction of the nearly \$900,000 senior citizens/community center; and the opening of a 12.5-acre park across from Village Hall.

More minor projects will include construction of a 3.5-mile eastward addition to

the Heritage Bike Trail; upgrades to the police station; village government computer improvements; relocation of Country Club Drive and Auerbach Place at Illinois 157; and sewer-main extensions on the bike trail, Lake Hillcrest Drive and Glen Crossing Road.

Foster said the village never has been in better financial condition, citing \$29 million in new investments for the past year and a combined \$1.1 million surplus in operational accounts and sales tax revenue during that period.

"With the openings of Denny's, Jack in the Box, Papa John's and Applebee's, we don't have to drive so far to eat out any more," Foster said.

He said 81 new houses, with an average value of \$140,000 each, were built in the village

during the past year.

Another highlight of the past year was the recent reopening of Meridian Road, which had been closed to through traffic for nearly two years.

"I appreciate the patience of the people who live out in Meridian, and especially the Iron Mountain subdivision, but now the rewards will be realized," Foster said.

He gave an exhaustive list of other accomplishments within the village during the past year, including: construction of a new sewer line between Meridian Hills subdivision and Illinois 157; construction of a public works garage; the hiring of Police Chief David Bradford; introduction of a Citizens Police Academy; and the introduction of new requirements for greenspace in subdivisions.

Association celebrates with tea

The Madison County Home and Community Education Association held its annual Victory Tea March 29 at the Farm Bureau Auditorium in Edwardsville. The theme was "Family Friends and H&C Create Precious Moments."

The party celebrated and welcomed members who have joined since the last Victory Tea. Second vice presidents from the 19 clubs were invited. The Madison County Board members and the six district first vice presidents also were invited. The new members and the members who recruited them were special guests.

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GENERATION JESUS YOUTH GROUP, led by the youth minister, takes place from 5 to 8 p.m. Sundays at Nameoki United Methodist Church, 1900 Pontoon Road.

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TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH Adventure Club, an after-school activity for grades 4-6, meets 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays at the church, 1900 Harris St. For more information, call 452-0273.

Community

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

Food/Nutrition

MEALS OF LOVE, sponsored by Madison County Baptist Association, free meals to anyone in need are served from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays at Grace Baptist Church, 2600 Edwards St., Granite City. Everyone is welcome.

RESCUE MISSION food pantry is open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays at 1536 Fourth St. in Madison. Samuel Turner is the chairman, Valonda Turner is the secretary and Alfred Turner is the pastor.

Health/Exercise

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN EXERCISE CLASS takes place at 9 a.m. Thursdays, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St.

TOPS 2363, 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. Call Bobbie at 452-0273.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 8 p.m. Mondays, Second Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois Ave. in Granite City. Call 876-2124.

TOPS 1899 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. Call 797-2724 for more information. Men and women are welcome to attend.

TOPS 111, 6:45, 7 p.m. Mondays, Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City, 452-0102. Men and women welcome.

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Organizations

MADISON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call Dan at 452-2336 or Diane at 876-1360.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 1126 BINGO takes place Sunday afternoons at Nameoki Bingo Center. Early bird game begins at 1 p.m., with 22 games, two color raffles, pulltabs, speedballs, computers and bonuses.

GRANITE CITY COMMUNITY BAND rehearsals take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 931-0463.

GRANITE CITY KIWANIS CLUB meets at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Big Boy's Restaurant on Nameoki Road.

THE JOLLY QUILTERS meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursdays at the Social Center, 906 Thorngate Drive in Mitchell.

EAGLE PARK ACRES SENIORS OF MADISON meets from 10 a.m. to noon Thursdays at 100 Hill St. (near) Eagle Park Acres, Madison.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON PINOCCHLE CLUB for seniors 55 and over meets at 12:30 p.m. Fridays at Harold Brown Recreation Center, Franklin Avenue and Pontoon Road. Call 877-0350 for more information.

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month at Big Boy's Restaurant, Highway 157 (4 Commerce Drive), Collinsville. Come join us for better communication and leadership skills. For more information, call 692-6026 or 344-2896.

SINGLES CONNECTION this week: Sunday, it's game day again. Come to Imp's in Edwardsville at 2 p.m. and bring your cards and favorite games. Call Felix at 866-2063 for more information; Monday, there's a great pizza buffet at Pantera's in the Montclair Shopping Center in

Edwardsville. Meet us there at 6:30 for dinner. For more information, call Ben at 254-1656. Wallyball at the Edwardsville YMCA at 6:45 p.m.

Seniors

PONTON BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS BINGO, takes place at 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, 3910 Highway 111, Pontoon Beach.

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Support Groups

THE CHURCH OUTREACH INC. meets 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays at True Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 1641 Third St. in Madison. The CHURCH is an outreach program designed to support the community in the struggle with urge control. All meetings are confidential. For more information, call 877-TRUE.

RIVERS OF WATER WORSHIP CENTER SUPPORT GROUP meets from 9:30 to 11 a.m. the first and third Saturday of each month at 1307 Madison Ave., Madison, to comfort and restore. Group membership is open to all who are "broken" at no cost. Worship service will follow each third Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call 341-3643 or 656-7831.

OBSESSIVE/COMPULSIVE DISORDER SUPPORT GROUP meets at 10 a.m. the third Saturday of each month at Von Gontard Conference Center at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, 615 S. New Ballas Road. The meeting is free and open to OCD patients, family and friends. For information, call (314) 842-7226.

THE COHEARTS (Commitment of Healing Emotions and Recovery Through Support) Survivors of Suicide Support Team is open for anyone who has lost a friend or loved one due to suicide. The group keeps all information confidential and allows you to express your thoughts and feelings openly. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Behavioral Health Alternatives Inc., 337 E. Ferguson in Wood River. For more information, call 251-4073.

THE CIRCLE OF HOPE, a 12-step healing program for anyone whose life is affected by HIV infection, meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the King's House on N. 96th St. in Belleville. For more information, call 234-0291.

PULMONARY SUPPORT GROUP, for persons with diagnosed lung conditions, meets from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesdays in 4-Doctors Sclerium, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 798-3019.

ALANON ADULT CHILDREN meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in Kettler Center Conference Room A. Call 453-2429 for more information.

ALANON, 7 p.m. Thursdays, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., in Kettler Center Day Care room C. Call 463-2429.

ALANON, 9:30 a.m. Mondays, 2116 Edison (side door) in Granite City. Call 463-2429.

ALANON, 8 p.m., Tuesdays, St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Nameoki Road, Granite City, 463-2429.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 2116 Club, 2116 Edison, Granite City, (800) 307-6600.

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1998 tornado damage has businessman scrambling to survive

By Dennis Grubaugh
Staff writer

A businessman has been caught in a whirlwind trying to get an insurance company to pay for a building heavily damaged by a tornado more than a year ago.

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"It's turned our lives upside down," Ohren Simburger said. For Simburger and his wife, Connie, of Edwardsville, things were bad enough when a tornado ripped through the city April 13, 1998, taking with it a big chunk of the building they own at 6657-59 Center Grove Road. The building housed two

tenant businesses: The Floor Show and Ziebart Tidy Car.

Things got worse in the ensuing months when Simburger's insurer, Hanover Insurance Co., hired a middleman company to negotiate a settlement. The middleman, GAB Robins of St. Louis, took until July to make an offer that was less than one-third of the \$475,000 coverage called for in Simburger's policy, he said. After many telephone calls and months of negotiating, the insurer never offered more than \$191,000 on the property, which Simburger had professionally appraised in January for \$446,000, he said. Simburger refused the offer,

and the case has gone to arbitration.

The storm collapsed a 40-foot-by-60-foot section of the building. The collapsed portion was cleared away last year; the rest of the building has remained boarded up.

Separate engineering inspections done by Simburger and the city show that the pole barn building has cracks running through each of its supporting poles, which destabilizes the building and necessitates that it be razed, according to city officials.

Simburger said the cracks were caused by the storm, but the insurance company apparently believes the cracks were caused by normal wear

and tear, which is not covered.

"Hanover refused to do a thorough inspection of the building's frame, even though the city's engineer required it," Simburger said.

"Hanover's offers continue to include only a basic rebuild. These offers do not include the essential items necessary for a comparable building, nor would the rebuilt building meet city codes."

Hanover officials limited their response to a prepared statement released late Tuesday afternoon:

"We offered a fair and reasonable offer. Hanover and the policyholder were unable to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement. The

terms of the policy allowed for an arbitration process involving three appraisers — one selected by the policyholder, one selected by Hanover and one agreeable to both parties. The decision of the process is binding on all parties. A date and time for such an appraisal had been arranged, and the policyholder canceled. We are currently in the process of rearranging the appraisal."

Simburger admits that the appraisal meeting was canceled. He said he was not made aware of the meeting until the last minute.

"I didn't know until 9:30 the evening before that they were having it the next morning."

They had told me they would be out there that week but never told me what day they'd be out there."

Simburger said he didn't have the proper person picked out for the arbitration session and needed more time.

The umpire for the insurance company also had to cancel, so the session wouldn't have occurred anyway, he said.

Both Hanover and Simburger have had several conversations with city officials.

Edwardsville director of development Paul McNamara said the city sent out an independent inspector who "said there was some validity" to Simburger's own engineering report.

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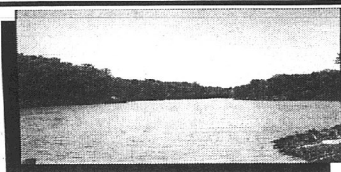
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SWC track East St. Louis wins boys conference meet

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Cases to ponder

Prep runners,
college pitcher
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The names should mean nothing to you but if you follow sports, pencil in Torres on the high school level and Christensen on the collegiate and/or professional level.

First the preps. When the Illinois High School Association conducts its annual state track finals this spring, check out the Class AA boys 3,200-meter run.

That's where I suspect twin brothers Jorge and Ed Torres will be entered for Wheeling High.

Jorge finished second in the 1998 finals and Ed was fifth. Last fall, Jorge became the state's first in three-time state champion in boys cross country and his brother finished third as Wheeling won the IHSA Class AA championship.

This March, though, the brothers as well as two other teammates were ruled ineligible for state track competition for violating an IHSA rule regarding out-of-school coaching instruction during a school year.

If that seems vague, consider that Wheeling turned itself on the matter after it was disclosed in the school newspaper that the Torres brothers, seniors headed for the University of Colorado, had been running with Prospect Heights running club coach Greg Fedyski.

Simply put, the IHSA does not permit participation in a sport outside of school if an athlete is already on a school team.

However, last week the IHSA reduced its penalty and now will allow the four Wheeling athletes to compete in the remainder of Wheeling's track meets.

"They lost half of their spring season, and the board (IHSA) decided that was sufficient," explained Mike Hawkins, a board member who is principal at Lexington High.

The IHSA bylaws noted that no more than two athletes from one school can attend the same instructional camp or clinic during the school year.

Athletes also cannot compete on high school and select teams while their sport is in season.

"The IHSA can maintain that it upheld its initial ruling but reduced the penalty."

Why my concern? I smell a lawyer here and threat of suit. I also suspect the time will come when athletes are permitted to participate at school and on any outside team as long as the school permits it.

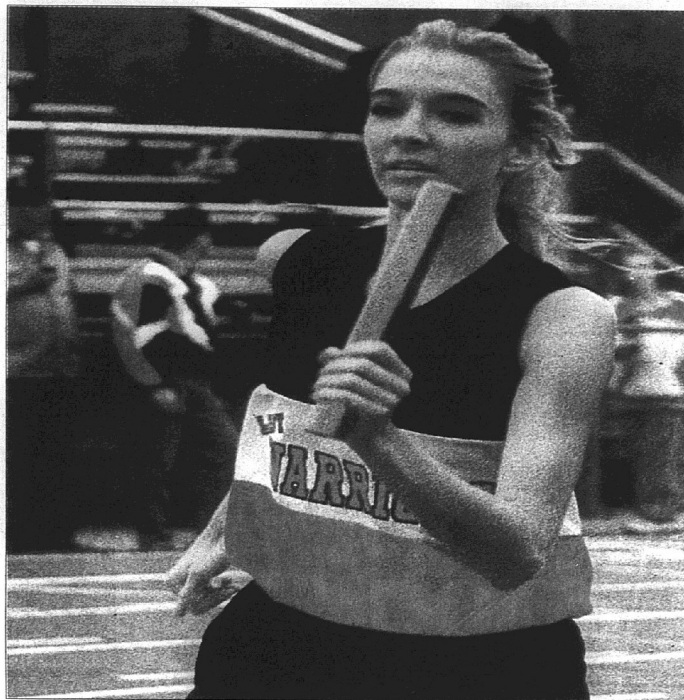
Thus, in baseball for instance, a school may find nothing wrong with a player being on the high school team and a summer team, that opens its season in May. Locally, that would mean allowing a prep player into a league like the Mon-Clair men's League.

At Wheeling, the Torres brothers and brothers Erik and Peter Schroll believed they could get more valuable instruction and practice outside of the school with what amounted to a select coach (Fedyski).

As mentioned, it will be interesting to see how Wheeling does in the state meet.

Christensen, a 6-foot-4, 210-pound junior pitcher at Wichita State, was facing assault charges and a civil

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Granite City sophomore Shannon Stapleton has enjoyed a successful season in the 400 meters for the Warriors.

Tim Stephenson photo

Stapleton sets table for Warriors

Sophomore's versatility
sparks Warriors' progress

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

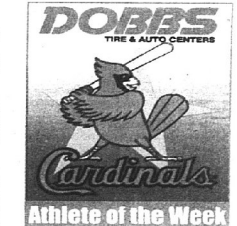
Shannon Stapleton has set a precedent on the Granite City track team this season.

A member of several relay teams and a standout in the 400-meter dash, Stapleton has set the table for the Warriors with her versatility.

"I like the 400 the most," Stapleton said. "I've run that since seventh grade. Hopefully, my time will get better soon. I'm trying to get below 60 seconds. I have once (at the Tiger Relays at Edwardsville), because that is what you have to run to qualify for state."

A trip to state would be a grand way for Stapleton to cap her sophomore season.

"Shannon entered our program last year as a freshman," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "She came up from the middle schools, as do many of our athletes, well-skilled. We do get a very good



feeder program from the junior highs as far as they have lots of interest and lots of athletes. The one problem we have here at the high school is that, even though the athletes are in great numbers at the middle-school level, we don't always get those same numbers at the high school. So

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Granite City places fourth in SWC meet

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City's varsity boys placed fourth in the Southwestern Conference Track Meet last Thursday at Collinsville.

East St. Louis topped the field with 174 points. Edwardsville was second with 102 and Belleville East was third with 88. The Warriors tied Alton with 88, ahead of Belleville West (34) and Collinsville (26).

"It was a solid, middle-of-the-pack finish, but certainly at the varsity level we still want to move up in the

conference standings," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "We did have some good performances. Our times were some of the best we have run all year in many events, not all, but certainly a substantial number."

The Warriors picked up a fifth-place leap from Earl Clark in the long jump and several fifth-place leaps out of Chris Mertz in the 300-meter hurdles. Granite City also posted a fifth in the 100-meter dash, thanks to Josh Martin, and a fourth-place showing in the discus via Jeff Hard. Dennis Davis was

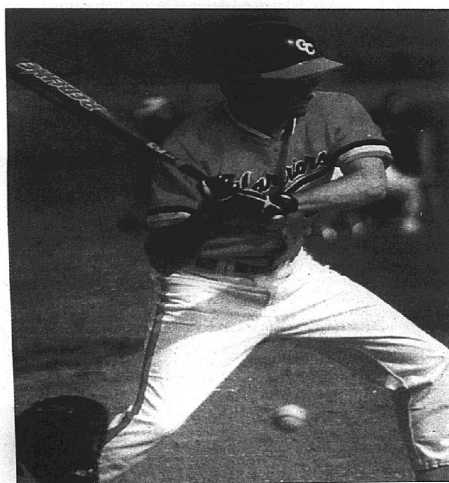
fourth in the 3,200-meter run, as were the 4x100 (Clark, Josh Mefford, Brian Kilman, and Justin Smith) and 4x400 (Mertz, Jeremiah Beckley, Kevin Atkins, and Rich Skirball) relay teams. Skirball was third in the 400-meter dash. The 4x200 relay (Martin, Clark, Kilman and Mertz) placed third.

There were no seconds, but the Warriors had two conference champions. Kevin Atkins posted a time of 4 minutes 30.9 seconds to win the 1,600 meters. The time was Atkins' best of the season. The 4x800 relay

team (Skirball, Mertz, Beckley and Atkins) put together a time just four seconds off the state qualifying mark to take first in their event.

"The Warriors now look to Friday's sectional track meet."

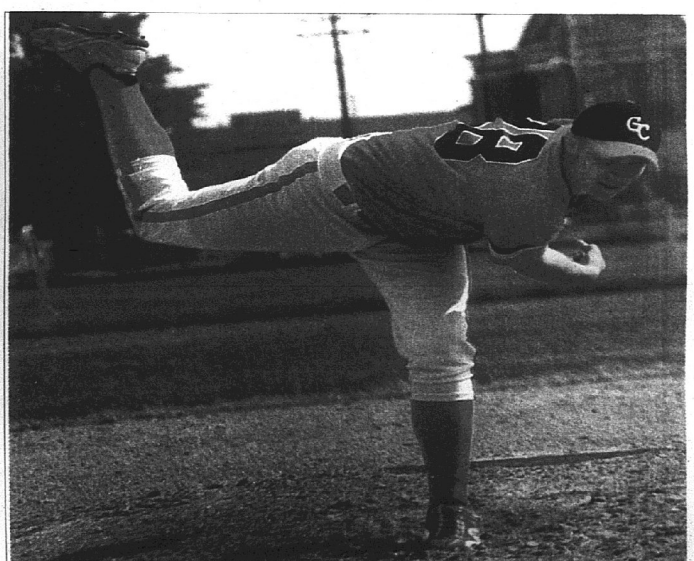
"The performances were very good," Briggs said. "It was a cool, wet day, but we still went out and had many of our best throws and jumps and times in the running events. We competed well against the conference rivals, who we will also meet in the sectional track meet. We feel that we are on course to show well at sectionals. With the competition we face, whether we get anyone through to state or not is always a battle."



T.L. Witt photos

Falling short

Granite City lost an 8-0 decision to Belleville East last week. ABOVE: Granite City's Dustin watches a pitch. AT RIGHT: The Warriors' Scott Scharden delivers to home.



Tigers settle for second at conference meet

Collinsville finishes last; Granite City ties Redbirds for fourth place

By Steve Porter
Staff writer

The Edwardsville Tigers tried chasing the East St. Louis Flyers around the track in the Class AA Southwestern Conference boys meet at Collinsville. They couldn't catch the Flyers, but the Tigers passed everyone else, and that pleased coach Brad Bevis.

"We got what we came for — second place," Bevis said.

"Realistically, that's the way you have to look at it. We don't have the caliber of team that East St. Louis does. They have so much depth."

The defending Class AA state champion Flyers scored 174 points, while the Tigers, led by junior jumper Carlos Leonard, totaled 102 points. Belleville East finished third with 88 points, while Alton and Granite City shared fourth place with 58 points. Belleville West (34 points)

and Collinsville (26 points) rounded out the scoring.

"We did well as a team," said Leonard, winner in the triple jump at 45 feet, 1 1/4 inches and runner-up in the long jump at 22-3. "I was happy with our second-place finish because Belleville East beat us here last week at the Collinsville Invitational and last year in the conference meet."

Leonard also anchored the Tigers' 4x200-meter relay that clocked in at 1:34.4, second to East St. Louis at 1:30.9. He also closed out the Tigers' 4x400-meter relay, third in 3:29.2.

"Carlos had a good meet, but I know he's not satisfied finishing second in the long jump," Bevis said. "He's never satisfied with a second place."

Edwardsville's Andy Bratten won the 3,200 meters in 9:48, outrunning Alton's Bryan Campbell, second in 10:04. Mike Mudd of Edwardsville finished third at 10:13.5, giving the Tigers 16 points in the event.

"I knew it would be a good race,"

said Bratten, pointing to the competition with Campbell and Mudd. "I was really happy with my two-mile race, but I wasn't happy with my mile."

Bratten finished fifth in the 1,600 meter at 4:47.4.

Elsewhere, Edwardsville's Brandon Schaake placed second in the pole vault at 11-0, and teammate Joel Keller was runner-up in the 800 meters at 2:05.2. Joe Bevis took third in the discus and fourth in the shot. Nathan Becker was third in the shot.

"We were more focused today," Brad Bevis said. "I was a little disappointed that we got third in the conference meet last year because I thought we should have finished second. And I knew today that we could have been fifth or sixth if we hadn't done well."

Campbell and sprinter Otis Redditt paced Edwardsville's 4x100-meter relay team to a 4:37.6 to take third in the 1,600 meters. Redditt was runner-up in the 200 meters at 22.6 and third in the 100 meters at

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Brad Bevis
Edwardsville coach

11.4. He also anchored Alton's 4x100-meter relay, third in 46.2.

"The kids I thought would do well did that and the ones I thought would let us down did that," Alton coach Nick Schwartz said. "That's as simple as I can put it."

Bryan, Otis and Eric Everage (6-2 and third in the high jump) came

through for us, and Chris Bennett (2:06) and Blair Dodson (2:06.1) gave us a 3-4 finish in the 800 meters," Schwartz said.

Campbell noted, "I think it was my best meet of the season. It was my best 3,200-meter time of the season and my second best one in the 1,600 meters. I'm peaking at the right time."

Redditt said, "I thought I had a decent day and I tried to do our best. The conference meet is what it's all about because you're competing against East St. Louis."

The Flyers' George Mumphard and Jermaine Jones of Belleville East each won three events.

Mumphard, a starter for the Elite Eight East St. Louis basketball team, captured the 100 meters in 11.2, the 200 meters in 22.5 and the 400 meters in 50.6. Jones took the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.7, the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 39.3 and the 800 meters in 2:01.2.

Prep standings

METRO EAST BASEBALL				METRO EAST SOFTBALL			
Southwestern Conference				Southwestern Conference			
Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf
Edwardsville	9-1	21-4	Belleville West	12-0	23-1	Edwardsville	9-1
Belleville East	10-1	24-3	Belleville East	5-3	15-5	Belleville East	5-3
Collinsville	4-2	16-6	Edwardsville	5-4	14-8	Collinsville	4-2
Belleville West	4-5	15-5	Granite City	4-5	8-9	Granite City	4-5
Quincy City	2-7	7-15	Collinsville	2-7	7-11	Quincy City	2-7
Alton	1-5	5-12	Alton	2-7	7-15	Alton	1-5
East St. Louis	0-8	1-10	East St. Louis	1-7	1-7	East St. Louis	0-8
Mississippi Valley				Mississippi Valley			
Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf
Highland	5-2	14-4	Highland	4-1	15-5	Highland	5-2
Trist	4-2	20-3	Trist	5-2	14-7	Trist	4-2
Mascoutah	4-3	10-12	St. Louis Memorial	4-2	10-8	Mascoutah	4-3
Clive Memorial	4-3	10-13	Trist	3-3	11-6	Clive Memorial	4-3
Waterloo	3-6	12-13	Waterloo	2-4	7-13	Waterloo	3-6
Jessville	1-5	11-11	Jessville	0-5	2-18	Jessville	1-5
Cahokia				Cahokia			
Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf
Columbia	6-0	16-7	Westlin	5-2	8-9	Columbia	6-0
Red Bud	4-1	11-10	Freeburg	4-3	16-7	Red Bud	4-1
Freeburg	5-2	8-14	Columbia	3-3	12-4	Freeburg	5-2
Dupo	4-3	11-10	Dupo	4-3	8-11	Dupo	4-3
Carlyle	4-3	12-13	New Athens	3-3	8-5	Carlyle	4-3
Besse C.	4-4	8-12	Red Bud	3-5	8-14	Besse C.	4-4
Monroe	3-6	12-13	Lebanon	2-6	5-13	Monroe	3-6
Lebanon	3-6	9-13	Besse C.	2-6	5-13	Lebanon	3-6
Westlin	2-4	6-19	Carlyle	0-5	0-12	Westlin	2-4
New Athens	1-5	7-14	Carlyle	0-5	0-12	New Athens	1-5
South Seven				South Seven			
Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf
O'Fallon	5-3	16-3	O'Fallon	5-3	16-3	O'Fallon	5-3
Cahokia	1-3	4-12	Cahokia	0-2	0-10	Cahokia	1-3
Independents				Independents			
Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf	Overall	Team	Conf
Alhambra	17-2	19-3	Alhambra	17-2	19-3	Alhambra	17-2
Marquette	16-7	19-3	Marquette	16-7	19-3	Marquette	16-7
Gibault	15-9	19-3	Gibault	15-9	19-3	Gibault	15-9
Mater Dei	8-8	10-12	Mater Dei	8-8	10-12	Mater Dei	8-8
Oakview	8-8	10-12	Oakview	8-8	10-12	Oakview	8-8
Norona	8-8	10-12	Norona	8-8	10-12	Norona	8-8
Valmeyer	5-16	8-13	Valmeyer	5-16	8-13	Valmeyer	5-16
Wood River	5-16	8-13	Wood River	5-16	8-13	Wood River	5-16
M.E. Lutheran	4-15	4-15	M.E. Lutheran	4-15	4-15	M.E. Lutheran	4-15

Bowling results

CAMELOT BOWL		Week of April 1	
Men's High Series		Men's High Series	
Chuck Blair	727	Debbie Wright	572
John Staub Jr.	727	Dianna Sickage	567
Jim Clark	720	Norma Schmidt	558
James Rahar	720	Jackie Keibel	558
Joe Legendre	711		
Dan Carter	709		
Terry Outland	706		
Robert King	701		
Jim Malone	693		
Terry Outland	688		
Tim Dillman	683		
Bob Arnold	682		
Week of April 1		Week of April 1	
Men's High Series		Men's High Series	
Bryan Pasley	290	Betty Townsend	244
Rich Llewellyn	290	Janice Hill	234
Scott Cook	289	Jan Smith	225
Terry Taylor	278	Yvonne Bright	224
Bob Wilbur	277	Cassie May	222
Jerry Kimberlin	277	Mary Ruth Hunter	221
Robert King	274	Nova Lemahieu	218
James Irvin	269	Patty Parnell	218
Cliff Kinnunen	268	Janice Hill	216
Dan Carter	265	Janice Hill	216
Jerry Fairles	265	Janice Hill	216
Bob Wilbur	260	Janice Hill	216
Chuck Bauer	258	Janice Hill	216
Rich Hamilton	258	Janice Hill	216
C.O. Gates	258	Janice Hill	216
John Delaney	258	Janice Hill	216
Rich Hartman	258	Janice Hill	216
James Rahar	257	Janice Hill	216
Jim Malone	257	Janice Hill	216
Week of April 1		Week of April 1	
Women's High Series		Women's High Series	
Jan Smith	647	Juanita Weckman	539
Betty Townsend	647	Dorothy Vasquez	509
Sharon Fahnestock	628	Betty Barunice	468
Janice Hill	621	Dorothy Vasquez	468
Mary Ruth Hunter	611	Juanita Weckman	168
Terry Klingemann	600	Evelyn Soppetto	192
Alice Purdum	560	Gerti Kaufman	181
Patty Parnell	579		

Situations provide interesting fodder for sports discussions

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lawyer after beating Evansville (Ind.) batter Anthony Molina on April 23 in a game at Wichita.

The incident took place when

Molina, the leadoff batter, was standing a few feet from home plate on the first-base side, awaiting the completion of Christensen's warmup pitches. Molina was hit in the left eye with a pitch that shattered his cheekbone and eye socket and hospitalized him.

While the batter is not expected to fully regain his vision in his left eye, the Missouri Valley Conference is left to determine sanctions for the pitcher who may have been following instructions to throw at the batter who was too close to the plate during warmups.

Again, the follow up will be interesting since Christensen was 9-1 at the time with 77 strikeouts in 71 innings and a career record of 21-1. Regardless if he continues in college or becomes a pro, he is as marked as the subsequent ruling.



First place

The Collinsville United Lady Celtics won first place at the Andy Wattle Easter Classic in the girls U-13 division. The team includes, from left, first row, Kerri Melm, Jacki Dietrich, Lauren Hollenbeck, Brittany Lowell, Mallory Mueller; second row, Danielle Petty, Nicole Chappell, Ashley Hayes, Jamie Moravec, Kara Schrenk, Elizabeth Ball; third row, coach Greg Lowell, Amanda Brieahan, Tara Giebe, Vanessa Ramirez, Angela Caselli, Kendra Gavlick and coach Nick Pavia.

3 from area honored at banquet

Eleven St. Louis area high school seniors were honored at the seventh annual National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame Banquet on May 2 at the Washington University.

Each received a \$1,000 scholarship. Among the honorees was Edwardsville High School linebacker Andrew Speciale, an all-conference choice in football who also ranks fourth in his class of 450, is editor of the school newspaper and a student council member.

Twenty-two other nominees were honored by the St. Louis-Tom Lombardo Charter, including Terry Trist of Waterloo and Andy Schutzenhofer of Belleville East.

Special Olympics

Two athletes from the Metro East will compete in the Special Olympics World Games June 26-July 4 in North Carolina.

John Paschedag of Madison will compete in bowling at the World Games. The Granite City High School graduate also competes in aquatics and track and field competition.

Jodee Reed of Mascoutah will compete in soccer at the World Games. Reed, who also plays basketball and bowling, is a 17-year-old senior at Mascoutah. She has been named to the women's 5-on-5 soccer team, which will be coached by Richard Crothers of Mascoutah.

In the swim

The Belleville Swimming Pool will open 1 p.m. June 5 with an Opening Day Celebration. The first 300 paid children ages 5-18 will receive a bowling pass for 91 free games at Panorama Lanes — one game for every day of the summer. General admission prices are \$3 for children 5-17, \$4 for adults 18-64 and \$5.50 for senior 65 and older. Children 4 and under may enter free. The pool is located at 1100 Hecker Street. For information, call 277-9765.

Baseball tourney

The Collinsville Baseball Tournament is set

for June 11-13 and June 18-20. For information, call Ron Throm at 344-1451.

Golf tourney

Legacy Golf Course will host a charity golf tournament June 19. Entry fee for the four-person scramble is \$50 per person. A women's division also will be contested. For information, call 931-4653.

Baseball/softball camp

Former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Greg Mathews and his staff will conduct a baseball and softball camp June 8-11 at Tri-Township Park in Troy. Sessions are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. each day. The fee for the camp is \$100. For information, call the Greg Mathews Training Center at 314-926-7305.

Bash at Busch

Fairview Heights Night at Busch Stadium is set for July 15, when the St. Louis Cardinals will play the Chicago White Sox. Tickets are available after June 7 by contacting Dennis Knolhoff at 397-1680. Bus service provided if tickets are purchased through the city of Fairview Heights.

Soccer tryout

The Southwest Select Sting under-14 girls soccer team, playing out of the Metro East, will have tryouts for the fall of 1999 and spring of 2000 season. Tryouts are 6 p.m. June 17 and 10 a.m. July 17 at Horseshoe Lake soccer fields, located off Hwy. 112. Girls born after Aug. 1, 1985, are eligible. For information, call 931-0976 or 656-7840.

Tennis camp

The Kahok Tennis Camp is set for June 14-18 at Collinsville High School tennis courts. The camp, under the direction of Collinsville boys and girls tennis coach Michele Stutts, is for students enrolling in grades 3-8. Camp sessions are 8-10 a.m.

In addition, Collinsville will offer non-credit physical education tennis for boys and girls entering grades 9-12. For information, call the high school.

Event smashes through

Wheelchair Championships goes national

By Mike Elder
Staff writer

Lynn De Laney was taken aback when double amputee Jim Dugan came to her in a wheelchair and asked her to give him a tennis lesson.

Never one to back down from a challenge, De Laney, a director of tennis with the Alton Parks and Recreation Department, agreed.

"I even started playing in a wheelchair so I could understand it better," said De Laney.

Since then, De Laney has worked with many wheelchair tennis players and become involved with the St. Louis Wheelchair Athletic Association. That's what led to her becoming the tournament director for the Gateway Classic 1999 USA National Indoor Wheelchair Championships, which will be held here May 20-22.

"He basically roped me in," said De Laney of Dugan. "I've been in it ever since. This is my third year as the tournament director. It's become my passion."

De Laney said the tournament, which was previously a regional event before becoming a national competition this year, will be held at the Doubletree Hotel/Chesterfield Athletic Center and will draw competitors from all over the country and feature numerous divisions.

"It's a fantastic tournament," she said. "We'll have well over 100 players competing this year. There will be lots of good food and lots of good tennis."

Tom Timme, who hails from Florissant, has competed in the tournament since its inception several years ago and is excited about the competition.

"I haven't competed a lot recently because I have to work," said Timme. "I'm kind of looking forward to this."

Timme, 60, became dependent on a wheelchair after contracting polio back in 1949. He said he played wheelchair basketball for 40 years but now is more into tennis because it's not as hard on his arms.

"You've got to keep active," he said. "Tennis is one of the ways to do that."

Timme said the rules for wheelchair tennis are pretty much the same as conventional tennis except a player can let the ball bounce twice before hitting it.

"It throws an extra factor in there strategically," said De Laney.

"It's inspiring to watch (wheelchair tennis players) compete," De Laney added. De Laney said the tournament will begin at 8 a.m. every morning. Spectators are welcome.

Warriors place second at SWC meet

Young squad boasts many high finishes but can't get past Flyers

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Last year, the Granite City freshman/sophomore squad took top honors at the Southwestern Conference Track Meet. The Warriors weren't so fortunate this year and notwithstanding, the meet was an unqualified success.

"We were real proud of them last year, and we had high hopes for this year's track meet as well," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "I believe the combining of East St. Louis and Lincoln High Schools has afforded East St. Louis considerable depth in their youth, and this year, they were able to outscore us in the

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Gene Briggs
Granite City coach

freshman/sophomore division.

"But we were a strong second. We are still very pleased with our results. We are continuing to finish ahead of Belleville East and West, Alton, Collinsville, Edwardsville

Any time that we can do that well against conference opponents, it certainly is a big plus for us in our program. So we are very happy with our second-place finish. We were well distanced from the rest of the pack but still quite a ways behind East St. Louis. Their depth was outstanding."

The Flyers amassed 208 points, topping the Warriors' respectable total of 106. Belleville East came in third with 74, followed by Edwardsville (66), Collinsville (40), Alton (28), and Belleville West (8).

Jerry Curtis and James Murphy took first and third, respectively, in the two-mile run.

The two-mile relay (Corey Powell, John Lance, Kenny Jackson, and Jim Treake) and 4x100 relay (Rich Evans, Mike Greathouse, Josh Martin, and Scott Singleton) teams finished third.

The Warriors took second (Larry Soechting)

and third (Evans) in the high jump and fourth in 110-meter hurdles (Kevin Prindable). Corey Powell took fifth in the 800-meter run, and the 800-meter relay team (Evans, Greathouse, Martin and Treake) took third.

Jason Evenden's loss was good for second in the shot put, and Singleton finished third in the 300-meter hurdles.

The Warriors got second-place runs from Curtis in the 1600-meter run and Martin in the 200-meter dash. The 1600-meter relay team (Evans, Lance, Prindable and Curtis) also took second.

"In many events, we placed, and most of those places were high places," Briggs said. "That allowed the large point total and the very good finish in the freshman/sophomore division. I'm very proud of our young athletes in the boys' program."

Stapleton sets table for Granite City squad

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when we do get some of their athletes, especially their quality athletes, that's a real plus for our program. Unfortunately when they get to the high school, they have choices in other sports and these sports do take a number of the good, quality athletes from us. But my feeling is that as long as a student-athlete is involved, they are accomplishing things for themselves.

"Shannon has been one of those athletes who has come from the middle school, was a quality performer at that level, and has brought her talents to the high school and has continued to develop them. Coming in as a freshman, we knew that she was an outstanding athlete. She proved

that during her freshman year. She had to fight off a few injuries that she had acquired outside of our program, but she kept her head up, she hung in there, and ended up having a good freshman year."

Stapleton said. "I just cheer for fun." Stapleton said. "I kind of want to run cross country, but I like cheerleading and I can't do both. I try to work out on my own during the fall and the tremendous plus to our program. She has run numerous relays, the 4x400, the 4x100, the sprint medley. She has run opens in the 200 and 400 meters."

The highlights for Stapleton included first-place finishes at numerous meets, including the Tiger Relays at Edwardsville, where she matched the state qualifying standard. Stapleton also has been an inspiration to the rest of the team.

"She has the determination that if she is behind, she will always try catching up," said Faith Yureisin, a member of several relay teams with Stapleton. "That increases her speed, and helps with the team."

"This year she has been a little more focused on track," Briggs said. "We haven't had the outside distractions that caused her injuries in the past, and she has gone through the whole season healthy. By doing that, she has been a tremendous plus to our program. She has run numerous relays, the 4x400, the 4x100, the sprint medley. She has run opens in the 200 and 400 meters."

"Every time, she has entered in an event we have gotten a quality performance from her. You could only wish that she had a twin sister or that she was triplets—that's the only way that she could do more for us. Everything we ask of Shannon, she does. She comes to practice every day, she works hard, she has a very positive attitude. She does everything that a good student-athlete needs to do to succeed, including keeping her grades up at a very high level in the classroom."

"We never have problems from Shannon. All we get is good, quality, consistent performances. We can't say enough for what she has done

for the track program here at Granite City High School." And Stapleton wants to make a greater contribution in the future.

"I'm pretty happy with the season," Stapleton said. "I wanted to run below 60 in most of my races, but that didn't happen. Hopefully next year it will. I'm just hoping that Friday I can run below it to qualify. I think as a team we have come a long way since last year. Last year we weren't as strong as we are this year. And most of our girls are freshmen and sophomores, so I think the next two years we will have a good, strong team."

Friday was the sectional track meet, where Stapleton hoped to perform well enough to earn a trip to state.

"I just rested Wednesday and Thursday a lot," Stapleton said. "I think as I'm only going to run the 400, just to save everything for that so I can just run my best in that one race."

"She has been around 60 seconds all year," Briggs said. "So it's not like she has to drop a 63 or 64 down to 60 flat. She's been running 60s and 61s, so she just has to run that on the day of the sectionals. We think that she can, so we are looking forward to that and we think that she will qualify for state this year."

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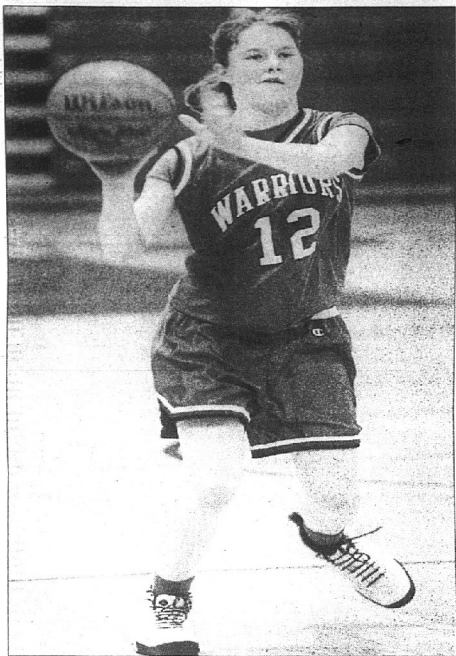
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Granite City's Jan Shanafelt averaged 7.9 points, 2.2 steals and 3.8 assists per game as a senior. Shanafelt will attend MacMurray College in the fall.

Shanafelt settles on MacMurray

Granite City senior will play basketball, softball for Highlanders

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City senior Jan Shanafelt registered for classes Monday at MacMurray College in Jacksonville and declared herself a physical education major.

She has received the MacMurray Honor Scholarship and another academic award package that will help pay for tuition. Shanafelt also will have a job on campus as a student trainer.

The Warriors' multi-sport star will play basketball and softball in college. Division III schools can't offer athletic scholarships, so the multitude of recognition for mental prowess will help pave a smooth financial road for Shanafelt as she becomes an undergrad.

"It's a really good package," Shanafelt said. "It was kind of funny because they had a college fair here my junior year, and it was the first school my dad and I went to. All I did was show a little bit of interest because I was looking at a whole bunch of schools. But (MacMurray basketball) Coach (Don) Mulhern has been writing me and talking to me since my junior year."

"He kept telling me that he was really looking at me as a basketball player, and kept going on and on. They showed the most interest, and I started leaning towards them. At the end it came down between Lewis & Clark and MacMurray, and MacMurray has the more established

program. They have had a winning program these last few years. Coach Mulhern is like the nicest guy you could ever meet, so that's why I really wanted to go there.

It's kind of a smaller school, but it's away, and I wanted to leave home, but I didn't want to go too far away."

Mulhern has been impressed with Shanafelt's poise and maturity. "Basically, Jan Shanafelt is what I would call a coach on the floor," Mulhern said. "She sees the floor very well, has a great understanding of the game and doesn't get rattled. She makes good decisions on the floor and does the little things that make her teammates better."

Shanafelt averaged 7.9 points, 2.2 steals and 3.8 assists per game as a senior. She also led a program that had stagnated at 3-22 the year before to a 12-15 resurrection.

"I envision her to be part of what will hopefully be a very successful young team," Mulhern said of the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Highlanders, who went 19-8 last year. "She is what we look for in a MacMurray student-athlete. She is very team-oriented and loves being in sports — she is what you might call a gym rat."

"One of the things she has going for her is a very supportive family. She is a very secure girl, and that should really help her."

Shanafelt's softball coaches also see the potential for field generalship. "I talked to (MacMurray softball coach) Missy McCaughey the other night,"

Granite City softball coach Deb Germann said. "Jan brought her up and introduced her to me Tuesday night. I told her that she was getting a very intelligent young lady with good moral values, who knows the difference between right and wrong."

"She is just an absolute thrill to coach, never talks back. I can tell her to go do something, and she will go do it without even asking any questions. She never questions about anything that I tell her, she just goes and does it. She has taken a leadership role and kept the team in order, making my life easier."

"I told her coach that she has the skills, we just need to make them more consistent. That will come with experience. She is just a great kid."

McCaughey agrees with that assessment. "She is a really fine athlete, she has quick feet," McCaughey said. "Jan is a really nice kid. She is a great team leader, even as a senior in high school, and we need that in our program. I think she can contribute a lot to our team and our school."

Because she will be playing both basketball and softball,

Shanafelt has to be somewhat diplomatic in declaring her preference.

"I would have to say basketball will take a slight precedence, just because he did show the most interest from the beginning," Shanafelt said. "That's what made me want to go there, so I think that will play a big role. I am going to be living in a dorm with the girls basketball team and sharing a room with another freshman basketball player, so I think that may also have something to do with it. Basketball season comes before softball season, too."

Shanafelt has more than enough energy to devote herself to two sports, even with the scholastic demands of college life.

"She has a lot of emotion," Germann said. "Sometimes too much. If there is anything she needs to work on, it is just staying on an even keel. You don't want to lose energy getting too excited, and you don't want to waste energy being upset. Just stay on an even keel. We are all going to make mistakes, so if you boot a ball shake it off, learn from it, and move on, that's the main thing. She'll do all right."

Warriors can't contain East

Lancers overcome early deficit for 12-4 victory

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City hung in against a tough Belleville East squad Tuesday, but a potential victory fell apart in the late innings. Despite putting some volume on the board in the first frame, The Warriors couldn't hold off the Lancers, who came away with a 12-4 Southwestern Conference victory.

The Warriors jumped out to an early 4-0 lead. Emily Douglas reached first when she was hit by a pitch. Jan Shanafelt sacrificed her to second.

Senior Robyn Slater's single plated Douglas, and catcher Jessica Reader drove in Slater. Natalie Douglas singled and stole second. After Ashley Bogovich struck out, Amanda Pashua singled home Reader and Douglas.

But that was all the offense Granite City would generate. Warriors' starter Staci Foster kept the game close until late.

"Foster pitched well until the fourth inning," Granite City coach Deb Germann said. "They started to hit her, it was their second or third time through the order. We were tied going into the fourth, we were down by a run in the fifth, then in the sixth inning, all havoc broke loose. What killed us is that they got a grand slam from Keri (Higgins), their No. 3 batter, in the sixth inning."

East scored two in the third, two in the fourth, one in the fifth and seven in the salami-packed sixth en route to victory.

The Warriors again hurt themselves.

"We had five physical errors, and I bet there were three or four mental errors," Germann said. "I have no answer. I'm trying to stay as positive as possible, but we had a fly ball drop between two of our infielders. When you play Belleville East or West, you can't give them extra outs, it just can't happen. Ground balls hit right to us we booted. The girls have just not learned to deal with pressure."

"It's about teaching them how to win, the mindset... We have talked about the mental preparation, we have talked about, before you go to bed at night, picturing yourself swinging that bat and getting that line drive with a 3-2 count and two outs in the bottom of the seventh, getting that base hit for the winning run. Or making that play in the hole, making that diving play to win the game. That's the way you need to prepare yourself, but we just haven't gotten there

yet." The Warriors hosted Collinsville Friday and will play at Triad on Monday. "It would be nice to turn it around. We obviously want to get on a roll for our second

season, for regionals," Germann said. "We need to win, we need to win a bunch. Right now we are 6-9 overall, but those next three games are going to be tough ballgames."

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'Election' succeeds as a film, school cautionary tale

Think back a moment — all the way to high school. There was always one of 'em: the overachiever obsessed with student government, the guy or girl who felt as if winning the student-body presidency would hand them the world. Be assured: They were nothing compared to Tracy Flick.

Tracy (Reese Witherspoon) is a highly motivated — and dangerously cute — student at George Washington Carver High in Omaha. She's the joiner who wants so desperately to lead that she has become a sad caricature.

Just the kind of student that gets under Jim

McAllister's skin. Mr. McAllister (Matthew Broderick), a schumpsy social studies teacher, doesn't like Tracy's ambition and gradually grows determined to do something about it.

So when Tracy's election as student government president appears at hand, chiefly because she's unopposed (and still campaigning fiercely), McAllister gets involved. He recruits Paul Metzler (Chris Klein), a well-meaning jock, to run against her.

Things unravel from there. Paul's sister, Tammy (Jessica Campbell), gets involved in the election — with the aim of abolishing student government.

Romances and other entanglements make things complicated for both Tracy and Mr. McAllister. And "Election" inches painfully toward its quietly harrowing conclusion.

Filmed with unsettling block camerawork and peppered with narration from many characters, "Election" at first has the feel of a simple work. But don't let that fool you; it's a complex, deep tale. The narrative devices and filmmaking techniques that director Alexander Payne uses only add to the through-the-looking-glass feel. This appears to be a normal high school, but unsettling things are happening beneath the surface. And Mr. McAllister really shouldn't be turning over the rocks.

Great things are in store for Witherspoon, who is a joy to watch on camera. Her blatant ambition and insolence, illustrated by flaring nostrils, icy stares and the occasional facial tic, are perfect.

Her Tracy is both despicable and pitiable, pushed by her mother like the political version of a teen-age figure-skating queen. When she falters, she cries into her stuffed animals and you feel guilty for ever thinking bad thoughts about her.

Broderick, so forgettable of late in "Godzilla" (where his best line was "That's a lotta fish"), is much more effective here.

Horoscope

SUNDAY, MAY 16

The blending of energy between the sun and Mars in watery Cancer and the moon and Jupiter in intuitive Pisces can feel like a calm and cleansing rain. Old grudges can be rinsed away if you dig deep and play fair. Venus in decisive Gemini can help you stay focused on what needs to be done. Communicate with co-workers.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 16). You are a beloved channel for grand creativity. If you get out of your own way, you'll be amazed at your accomplishments this year. Research throughout the summer helps complete an educational goal. August brings sweet temptations — you are flattered but not really ready for a romantic influence. Try a Capricorn of Libra. A September windfall allows for a secret getaway for two.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Give love a fresh start. Awkwardness is eased between acquaintances with conflicting interests. If what makes you wealthy makes others poor, nobody really wins. Likely candidates for love are Scorpio and Virgo.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Hearts on fire will also experience some down time, so don't take this as a bad sign. You've got persistence. A better understanding of your job lifts your spirits and productivity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your attention is a treasured gift, but your neglect is a terrible insult. Singles click with work partners, and dates are

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set. Dedication to family pays off in small but satisfying gestures.

CANCER (June 21-July 22). Your entrepreneurial spirit runs high. A lover asks, "What have you done for me lately?" Financial aspects may mystify — research and consult before spending. A Virgo satisfies your need for stability.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A partner may be pushing you toward a goal that is not really yours. Know when to tell others to back off. Follow-up work comes when clients are impressed. Words between family members are brief but loving.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sweethearts need all of your attention for a short period of time, which is better than half your attention for hours and hours. Start a savings account. A love relationship goes to the next level of intimacy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are intuitive and wise. A million problems can be solved

with a heartfelt hug. You might be blamed for something that you didn't do. Credit card spending has got to stop.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Make money deals final. Some close transfers his or her insecurities to you. Never mind what a cynic says about love. Making better use of your time will measurably save you money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An emotional trial triumphantly concludes. Your relationships are unique and cannot be run by other people's rules and standards. Beware of sob stories; sensitivity now encourages you to believe too much.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You gain an excellent reputation for teaching. Sticking to a budget brings goals to hand. Talk of commitment bugs you about a lover is really your own problem. Long-distance friends move closer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A wide audience loves you. Leave in-laws out of the romantic mix. Couples go to the movies together and fall in love. Talk of commitment is scarce, but actions speak louder than words.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Let yourself be enticed by an eager new romance — possibly a Leo or Virgo. Recent socializing gives new intuition in matters of money. Worthy causes need you. Offer to take care of a friend's pet.

Witherspoon not your average rising star

Reese Witherspoon is having what she calls a "pregnant lady day." It's the kind of day

when she's likely to cry over anything.

"Like television commercials make me cry, for like 30 minutes or an hour," she says. At times, but she mostly talks in the straightforward manner of an erudite young woman — a debutante, the daughter of a doctor and professor of nursing in Nashville, Tenn., the product of an exclusive all-girls school, a Stanford University English lit major.

On this morning, she's talking about her latest film, "Election," and suggesting that it doesn't neatly fit into the usual teen flicks that flood the market.

And she's right. The main character is a teacher, played by Matthew Broderick, going through a midlife crisis — which mainly manifests in his

intense dislike for one student (played by Witherspoon), an overachieving blonde running for class president.

"I think everybody has somebody in their life that they absolutely can't stand. And all your friends like them, and you're just like, 'I don't know why but that person just rubs me the complete wrong way,'" says Witherspoon, citing her own school experience.

I had a particular girl in junior high that I didn't like. She just drove me nuts. She was always pretty and had lots of dates, and was always putting other people down, surreptitiously, and really just rubbed me the wrong way. And now she's just so wildly successful... It's depressing. And here I go, playing pretend for a living in "Best Little Girl in the Suburbs."

Not that it's a bad living, she concedes. Since early last year, she's had a run of notable movies: "Twilight," in which she co-starred with Paul Newman, Gene Hackman and Susan Sarandon; "Pleasantville," where she played a slut turned bookworm; and "Crucial Intentions," an updated "Dangerous Liaisons," with her real-life fiancé and father of her child, Ryan Phillippe, playing her seducer. She recently finished filming "American Psycho," and still in the can is "Best Little Plans."

Her performances have garnered lots of notice in recent months, with magazines putting her on their covers or naming her to their "It List" or "Hot Squad."

But Witherspoon takes all of the up-and-coming-ingenue hype in stride.

"I think it's important to have the right perspective about it," she says.

So while it's flattering, you can't rest on the laurels of magazine buzz, she says.

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Business Briefs

John F. McDonnell named to Washington University board

John F. McDonnell was selected by the Washington University Board of Trustees to succeed William H. Danforth as chairman of the university board.

McDonnell, retired chairman of the board of McDonnell Douglas Corp., will assume the post on July 1. Danforth, who served as chairman since 1995, was named vice chairman along with Sam Fox, chairman and chief executive officer, Harbour Group, Ltd., and William M. Van Cleave, partner at Bryan Cave LLP. Danforth, university chancellor from 1971 through 1995, was also named chancellor emeritus.



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Travel Academy program honored

The St. Louis Travel Academy was one of 15 curriculum programs honored recently at the "Pathways to 21st Century Careers" regional conference hosted by St. Louis Schools-To-Careers Inc.

The school was presented with an "Examples That Work" award after its relocation to larger facilities at 2155 Barrett Station Road in West County.

The state of Missouri began accepting "Examples That Work" nominations from educators in the St. Louis area last November. Entries then were forwarded to the National School-To-Work office for final selection based on the criteria established for 23 different categories.

The Travel Academy's focus on "Skills Standards" was acknowledged because of the mastery of skills, dictated by industry employers, required to graduate from such a program.

St. Louis Travel Academy is the only vocational school of its kind within a 200-mile radius of St. Louis.

Distinctions to re-open in June

Distinctions In Fashion, which is owned and operated by husband and wife team Nancy and Bruce Lehtman, recently experienced an electrical fire at their store at 12354 Olive Boulevard in the Westgate Shopping Center.

The business expects to be rebuilt and back in business for opening June 1.

Founded in 1989, Distinctions features fashionable women's clothing including elegant evening and wedding apparel as well as casual sportswear.

Two local nurses honored by Missouri Baptist Healthcare

Registered nurses Diana Christian and Viki Longfield, both of West County, are on the team that has been awarded the 1999 Missouri Baptist Healthcare Foundation Nursing Award for establishing a program in which nurses receive credentials to perform bone marrow biopsy procedures.

As a result of the program, 556 patients received bone marrow biopsies performed by credentialed nurses in the Missouri Baptist Cancer Center in 1997-98.

Take the Internet plunge

If you own or run a business, chances are you've had to consider, or will consider, the question of whether to take the Internet plunge.

Everyone knows the reasons not to create a web page for a business. People might say, "I'm fine without it," "It costs too much," "I won't work anyway," or "I don't have time."

If those things are really true, your business probably shouldn't have a web page. But I'll assume that all those might not be totally true. I'd like to explain why the Internet is revolutionizing business.

Traditionally, there have been several different stages to a consumer's buying process that happen at different times and in different places. For instance, perhaps a consumer learns about a product or service through television or newspaper. Then they might seek out more information by reading reviews of the product. Hopefully, the consumer would then go to the store and buy the product.

The Internet represents a change. It's a convergence of the information, distribution and selling channels. In other words, all those tasks can be handled in the same place, the Internet.

Consumers can browse for products on the Internet, and can find information about those products. They can purchase them without leaving the computer. A business' task is to learn how to capitalize on those realities.

By designing your site to capitalize on those realities, you can make your site an



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effective marketing tool. For instance, your site should strive to be a resource regarding the type of product you are selling. You can link to web sites with similar interests in order to draw increased traffic.

Your site should also have ample information about your product, including text and visual aides. If someone accesses your site, that means they are interested in your business. Do not run the opportunity by designing a site that does not provide them with what they came for.

Because of the convergence of information gathering and purchase, convenience is key. This means that your web site should make it as easy as possible for someone to do business with you. Not only can you provide the ability for your customers to make credit card purchases, but you should also make it easy for customers to contact you. You can do this by posting your phone number in an easy-to-see area and by creating an e-mail comment/response form so that you are only a click away from your customers.

If there is one thing to remember, it's that the Internet is about convenience. The more you do to make it easier for your customers to do business with you, the better off you will be.

Do you have a question for Kirk? Visit web site www.esolutionsbykirk.com or call 972-1505.

Kirk Francis is the founder and president of Integrated Solutions—an Internet and information technology consulting company in St. Louis.

Hoffman honored for work in General Assembly

The Illinois Probation and Court Services Association recently awarded state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, top honors for his work in the Illinois General Assembly.

Hoffman was recognized during the association's Spring Conference in Springfield last week as this year's recipient of the Gerald Christman Legislative Award.

The award is presented annually to the legislator who performs outstanding service in probation and court services. Darrell McGibben, Madison County director of probation and court services, noted that Hoffman has worked closely with the IPCSA for many years.



Grand opening

Ginger Bay Salon & Spa Group is open at 437 S. Kirkwood Road in the Woodbine Center. Pictured at the ribbon cutting, hosted by the Kirkwood Area Chamber of Commerce, are, from left: Nancy Trammel, chamber ambassador; Sunny Combs, chamber executive director; Michelle Steimann, Ginger Bay; Jennifer Vaughn, Ginger Bay owner; Angie Duraski, chamber president; Mike Swoboda, Kirkwood City Council; and Ed Ruesing, Kirkwood Junction SBD.

Rededication of commitment to customers

This column is being written on the request of a loyal reader. He asked that I address how we rededicate our commitment to existing customers. The following is a column I wrote last year that will be an appropriate review of this subject.

Before it happens, watch for the warning signs that your customer may be fading away.

Appointments are being postponed. You thought everything was scheduled. You prepared correctly. You kept in mind all of those important strategies. Suddenly, the meeting is called off. When you call back to reschedule the meeting, they don't seem anxious to reschedule.

Your key client ally is no longer in your corner. You counted on him or her to keep you informed, to introduce you to key players and to counteract any adversarial decision makers. Suddenly the door is closed and phone calls go unanswered. Have they been reassigned? Did



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you do something wrong? Inside information has become harder to get. You sense you are being cut out of the loop. You are no longer a partner. You are no longer being consulted for input. Without information, you are at a standstill. Don't let them trust you anymore?

Recently you have heard last minute price objections. Why? You have no idea but you can bet that your competitors have something to do with it. Have you missed something? Did they take your proposal and shop around? Have they forgotten your good service and quality of product?

Find that ticking bomb. As David H. Sandler says, "The way to get rid of a bomb is to diffuse it before it blows." If your client is facing away, it is time for damage control.

Test your current status. Let your client know you appreciate the business. Ask whether you are meeting their expectations. Have you ever asked a client, "What would be the rea-

sons that you would quit doing business with me?" or "What are the best reasons that you can think of to keep doing business with me?" Clients go away because of the lack of strokes.

Visit other client contacts. Discover whether changes are happening that might cause your ally to distance himself or herself from you. Don't depend on just one person in your client's company. Get to know the people around your client, their boss, their secretary, and their colleagues. Find out what is happening in the company from a number of different sources. Then, respond proactively. Meet any situation head on. Don't let a small issue grow into a big problem.

Reassess the needs. Companies reassess the needs of those you work within the client's business to assure both the old and the new needs are being met. Needs change within a company. Unmet needs become a bomb. We often get comfortable with our client's needs.

Help your clients make their business grow. Exchange referrals with your client. Give

them business referrals to help them resolve needs that are outside your scope. Make yourself more valuable to your client, than merely a providing products or services. Become an asset to their business.

Paint a clear picture of the future and your involvement. Understand the direction your client is going and what part you will play in your client's future. Always leave your client with a clear understanding of what will happen next—when you will be back and what services you will provide. Promise only what you can deliver. Better yet, under-promise and over-deliver. Keep your client looking forward to your return.

Closing the sale is only the beginning of the relationship. Work as hard to keep the relationship as you did to establish the relationship. If your client fires you, it is generally because you are ineffective to him or her.

For more information on strategic management, sales training or executive coaching, call Ric Hoerz at 309-5858 or visit web site www.sandlertraining.com

Annual reports give clues to company's outlook

Now is the time of year that many publicly-held companies are required by the Securities and Exchange Commission to file their annual reports, the record of a corporation's financial condition and results of operations that must be distributed to shareholders yearly.

The timing of the annual reports corresponds with a company's fiscal year. Because many companies end their fiscal year when the calendar year ends on Dec. 31, these companies must file their annual reports with the SEC by March 31. This means that if you own stock in a publicly traded company, these annual reports will be showing up in your mailbox soon. The annual report also is accompanied by the yearly proxy statement, which includes information on salary and bonuses of the highest paid company officials, significant stock ownership and resolutions to be voted upon by company shareholders.

Instead of letting these annual reports gather dust on your office table, you may want to consider taking time to review what's inside them. They can be valuable sources of information on stocks you already own or are looking to purchase.

Although you don't have to read every word of the annual report, here are some of the parts of the report you may want to review:

Chairman's or chief executive's letter.

Comparing annual reports from previous years can give you an idea of whether promises made in the letter were fulfilled in the following years. However, because the letter isn't mandated by the SEC, information disclosed in the letter may or may not be relevant.

Financial statements. This section includes the balance sheet and statements of earnings or income, stockholders' equity, changes in financial position and notes. Check for trends from year to year to see if the overall pattern is an increase or decrease in profitability.

Many analysts use the company's current ratio (current assets divided by liabilities) as one guide to determining the value of an investment in its stock. A ratio between 1.5-to-1 and 2-to-1 is usually considered safe, but be sure to check the company's receivables. These are included in total assets, and could mean the company is selling assets to cover operating losses.

Notes. Some of the most important information in the



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annual report is disclosed in the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements." Information in this section discloses information about the company's accounting methods, taxes and other material information, such as litigation, that could affect the company's future financial performance.

Management's financial discussion. Unlike the chairman's or chief executive's letter, this portion of the report is required by the SEC. It can include vital information about the company's current business environment, mentioning both opportunities and risks. This section also includes a discussion of changes in the operating results from the previous year.

If you have questions or concerns about something you read in a company's annual report, check with your financial consultant.

John Lamping is a vice president-investments at the A.G. Edwards office in Frisco, Texas.

Business owners satisfied with First Stop Business Information Center

Nearly all of the 11,244 business owners who used the First Stop Business Information Center last year were highly satisfied with the

services they received, the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs reported.

Unique Toy and Game thrives in Wildwood, Mo.

By LaRita Marie Heet
Correspondent

Since 1993, when Gregg Wick opened Unique Toy and Game in Wildwood, Mo., the specialty retail toy store has been carving its own niche—a profitable one.

The store is located at 16390 Manchester Road. While the business is seasonal, with the highest revenue time of year between October and December, the business overall is showing an increase.

Sales from the first quarter in 1997 doubled over the first quarter of 1996, said co-owner Lori Wick.

"(Gregg) started it from scratch, right out of college," said Lori, who co-owns the store with her husband, Lori, 28, and Gregg, 29, were married 2½ years ago. Last year, she began working full time at Unique Toy and Game.

Prior to opening his store, Gregg managed a store in Bloomington, Ind., which also was called Unique Toys. When the owner of that store closed her business, she gave Gregg the right to use her business name.

He started working with her the day she opened her store—the last two years, he ran the business. She really helped him out (opening his own store). Unique Toy and Game specializes in a

large selection of games, for anyone from infants to adults.

They also carry many of the popular toy brands and character-related toys, such as Brio, Playmobile, Arthur, Blue's Clues and Madeline. A wide assortment of educational and developmental games, puzzles and toys can also be found at the shop.

Customer Service

The store's success mostly can be attributed to their high level of customer service, Lori said. "Customer service is really what's kept us here."

The store, which employs 17 people, practices the "customer first" philosophy. "It's an old-fashioned way of customer service," Lori said. "Many stores have gotten out of that practice."

Unique Toy and Game offers a variety of services including free gift wrapping, free local delivery, a birthday/holiday registry, and an 800 number for out-of-state orders.

Every Tuesday is Grandparent's Day, when all grandparents receive a special discount.

A frequent buyer's card is offered to customers—after 10 visits, the customer receives a discount on the 11th visit, for the average of all 10 prior purchases. "This is a really good deal for them. If

they spend \$10 dollars at each of the 10 visits, then they receive \$10 dollars off their purchases on their 11th visit," Lori said.

At least once every Saturday, Unique Toy and Game also holds Play Days, during which a representative from a particular toy manufacturer will come in and play with the children.

Competition and Value

While big-name discount and toy chains are located not far from Unique Toy and Game, Lori said they haven't affected her company's business at all.

"I have a positive attitude about it. And, I have a good working relationship with the managers at (some of the chain stores)."

In fact, she said, the relationship is so non-threatening that she and the chains often refer customers to each other. "There are some things we really specialize in, that the large chains don't carry."

In particular, Unique Toy and Game's game and doll sections are quite extensive. "We carry a lot of what I call the 'old-fashioned' games—checkers, chess, backgammon."

Unique Toy and Game's large doll section includes the Madame Alexander collectibles, Corolle, and Magic Attie dolls.

Movie Schedule

Film timetable for Sunday, May 16. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE
172 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, 344-1708
Check theater for shows and times

EASTGATE CINE
Eastgate Plaza, E. Alton, 254-5289
The Matrix (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:30
5 MM (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:20
Never Been Kissed (PG-13) 1:40, 4:30, 6:50
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Life (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:15
Entrapment (PG-13) 1:10, 4:20, 7:10

COTTONWOOD
EDWARDSVILLE CINE
Edwardsville, 656-6390
Analyze This (R) 2:15, 7:00
Forces of Nature (PG-13) 2:00, 6:45
Go (R) 2:30, 7:15

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE
2600 Target Drive, 822-4903
Trippin' (R) 1:15, 3:50, 5:35, 8:00, 10:15
The Matrix (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:10, 4:45, 7:25, 10:10
Life (R) 1:00, 3:10, 5:45, 8:15
Life (R) 2:00, 4:15, 7:05, 9:30
10 Things I Hate About You (PG-13) 2:05, 4:40, 7:10, 9:10
Foolish (R) 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:50, 9:50
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Entrapment (PG-13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 9:55
Twin Dragons (PG-13) 1:05, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:25
Shakespeare in Love (R) 1:50, 4:50, 7:10, 9:40
Baby Geniuses (PG) 1:35, 3:35, 5:50, 7:55, 9:35
Doug's First Movie (G) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:00

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ROXANA CINE THEATER
Roxana, 284-8748
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ST. CLAIR 10
50 Ludwig Drive, Fairview Heights, 388-8282
The Mummy (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
The Mummy (PG-13) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
Black Mask (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:20, 9:25
Trippin' (R) 1:10, 4:35, 7:10, 9:20
Doug's First Movie (G) 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:05
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The Matrix (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35

NAMEOKI CINE
30 Nameoki Village, Granite City, 877-6630
Lost & Found (PG-13) 2:15, 7:15
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First, select the location. While that may seem like an obvious step, many people do it hastily. You need to know how big your new planting will end up. Will it scrape the house or interfere with utility lines a few years down the road? These factors must be taken into consideration.

Once you've decided on the perfect spot, there's one more step. Call your local utility companies before you start digging. Gas, electric, telephone and cable television lines are often buried nearby, some can be very close to the soil surface.

Dig your planting hole three to four times the width of, and as deep as the root ball. This is true with balled and burlapped plants as well.

Add some organic matter such as compost or peat moss to the pile of soil you removed for the hole. This mixture is called the backfill. How much should you add? The organic matter shouldn't comprise more than a third of the total pile of backfill.

Mix tree and shrub fertilizer in with the backfill. This will help get your new planting off to a good start.

Now, remove the plant from its container. Note: If your plant is balled and burlapped, remove only the twine. Leave the burlap in place, strange as it may seem. Pull the burlap down around the sides of the ball so no burlap is above the soil line.

If the plant's roots are tightly packed and wound around the bottom of the root ball, use a knife or

your fingers to free them. You won't be harming the plant, but instead will be helping it. Loosening the roots will prevent them from wrapping tightly around the plant, which can strangle it.

Set the plant in the hole, making sure it's straight. Check it from all angles. Then start adding the backfill, but not all at once. Cover the roots with backfill, then add water to help the backfill settle quickly. Alternate backfill and water in this manner until the hole is completely filled; even with the surrounding soil.

Rake the soil around the planting site. Then cover the entire site with a two- to four-inch layer of organic mulch.

Trees need to be staked, and it's very important. A newly-planted tree that's left to the mercy of the wind, can bend and become permanently misshapen. To prevent this, the tree should be staked for the first couple of growing seasons. Don't make it too tight. A new tree needs to sway slightly.

Check the stakes periodically to make sure the tree isn't growing into the twine.

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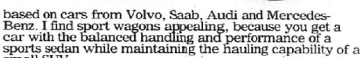
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"What, a station wagon?" No matter where I drove BMW's hunkered-down, fat-tired 528i sport wagon, people responded with a similar comment. I guess wagons just aren't cool in these days of monster sport-utility vehicles, but I've always liked them. So do many Europeans, who buy them in much greater numbers than we do. European manufacturers seem to be the leading developers of sporty station wagons.



In the past, BMW offered a 5-series wagon called the Touring, but it has been gone since the introduction of the current 5-series in 1997. Now the wagon is back, in two forms: the 528i and the 540i. The 540i has a 282-horsepower V-8, a five-speed automatic transmission and a \$53,430 base price. BMW says it is the fastest wagon in America. The 528i, that I drove, has a 2.8-liter, six-cylinder engine with 193 horsepower and a five-speed manual stan-

While there is no doubt the 540i wagon would be loads of fun and extremely quick, the 528i is really the more practical alternative in terms of affordability.

What set our test car apart from run-of-the-mill station wagons is the Sport Premium Package: 17-inch alloy wheels with high-performance tires, sport suspension, self-leveling rear suspension, wood trim, leather seats, metallic paint and an M-Sport steering wheel. Add in options of a power sun roof and a retractable load floor, and the sticker price of our test car was bumped perilously close to \$50,000.

Nevertheless, the 528i sport wagon is a terrific piece of work. Diehard enthusiasts think an in-line, six-cylinder engine is close to being the ideal configuration for driving pleasure, and the one in the 528i is a great example.

This dual-overhead-cam (DOHC), 24-valve unit revs easily and sounds like a sports car. Even though it makes 193 horse-

(VANOS) maximizes the power across the rpm range. It accelerates to 60 mph in 7.9 seconds, according to BMW's

BMW's always have appealed to folks who like to be involved with driving. The five-speed manual transmission works with such precision that it's a delight to grab the lever for each shift, and the steering feel is nearly perfect.

When driven quickly, the 528i wagon feels smaller than it actually is, due in large measure to its firm suspension and 17-inch wheels. Braking performance is even more impressive.

mance, however. It is about luxury, too. The 528's brand of luxury is more spare, certainly, than a Lincoln Town Car, but sumptuous nevertheless. The seats are covered in glove-soft leather and felt as if they were molded especially for me. Under-thigh support, often lacking in competitive cars, was ideal. The wood trim is real and plenti-

Instrumentation, long a BMW strong suit, continues to be elegantly simple. The one exception is a stereo system that takes at least a day to get comfortable with.

The 5-series has window buttons on the doors, where I think they belong, but the central locking button is still on the console. At least both driver and passenger can reach

Around back, the one-piece rear hatch pivots at the top and reveals a generously sized opening for cargo. The cargo load floor lifts up to reveal a nice little storage bin with adjustable partitions. Our test car had a roll-out load floor that I thought was very clever. Not only does it make loading the trunk easier, it provides a nice surface for tailgating.

Folding down the back seats was a one-touch operation, and it was not necessary to remove the rear-seat headrests as it is in so many other wagons and hatchbacks. User-friendly designs like this enhance a station

The 528i wagon has some outstanding safety features. BMW's unique Head Protection System is a tubular air bag that inflates across the side window to cushion the head in side impacts. Seat-mounted side air bags are standard for front-seat passengers and optional for those in back. Anti-lock brakes are standard, as is traction control.

The base price of our test car was \$40,700. Options included the Sport Premium Package (\$4,800), power glass sun roof (\$1,050) and retractable load floor (\$380). Add in freight of \$570 and the sticker price comes to \$48,000.

It will cost \$36,558 to own the average new car for 12 years and \$32,369 to own the average truck, reports California marketing research firm.

Depreciation is the biggest expense of vehicle ownership, says IntelliChoice of Campbell, Calif. Depreciation accounts for 37 percent of the operating cost of a new car and 42 percent of the cost of a new truck. Your insurance company will absorb 25 percent of the cost of car ownership and 24 percent of the cost of truck ownership over the five-year life cycle. Financing is the next-largest factor, eating 15 percent of the

Maintenance is responsible for 8 percent of car costs and 9 percent of truck costs. The average car will consume 9 percent of its total for fuel, while the truck's fuel bill will cover 14 percent of operating costs. Repairs are listed at 3

Because depreciation is the leading expense factor in vehicle ownership, IntelliChoice says consumers may benefit from buying a more expensive vehicle that will have higher resale value down the road.

"With more than 800 models and trim levels to choose from today, it obviously pays to do a little homework before purchasing a new car or truck because the sticker price doesn't tell the whole story," said company presi-

dent Kevin Dulsky. "Our research shows that the vehicle with the lowest purchase price is not necessarily the vehicle that will cost the least to own over time."

Now's a good time to start thinking about preparing your vehicle for the brutally hot summer that is sure to come. AAA says its requests for emergency assistance increased by about 1 million last year, with hot-weather breakdowns accounting for more of the additional load than winter problems.

AAA got 29.9 million calls from stranded motorists in 1998. Failure to start led the trouble chart at 22 percent of all calls. Starting failures usually were caused by dead batteries or other electrical problems. Other major sources of driver stranding were lock-

outs (16 percent of the total) and flat

About 1.5 percent of the stranded motorists — roughly 448,000 — simpl

The Ford Escort isn't going away after all. Ford is introducing the Focus, a new, small, so-called "world car" that will occupy the niche filled by the Escort for many years. It was assumed that Focus would displace the Escort, but Ford has decided there is enough small-car demand these days to keep both on the job.

Escort was the fifth-best-selling car in the U.S. in 1998, with total sales of 291,936, and accounted for 7 percent of Ford's sales for the first quarter of 1999. The Escort is built at a Ford plant in Hermosillo, Mexico.

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Artists graph out big future in field of design

By Kim Wright

A career in graphic arts is perfect for someone who is interested in creating art on paper or through computer programs.

Depending on the portfolio, starting wages in the graphic arts field are between \$21,000 and \$24,000. Someone with a little more experience can expect yearly wages of \$25,000 to \$35,000. Eventually wages grow to be \$55,000 or more a year.

"It really depends on a series of circumstances," said Larry Byers, associate professor and program coordinator for graphic communications at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. "It's like any profession. To be able to attain that goal, it takes a lot of work and training. Someone with a lot of experience even has the possibility of developing their own freelance company."

Graphic artists can expect to work for an agency or studio, Byers said. They will design advertisements, billboards and package design.

"They could possibly work for an in-house studio or work for a studio that services different companies," he said.

For anyone interested in graphic arts, the college offers classes in its graphic communications program.

"The program is set up as a career program, and it can transfer to a four-year college," he said. All students start with a computer art studio class. The class helps them learn the basics of creating art on a computer, Byers said.

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level of difficulty will increase," he said.

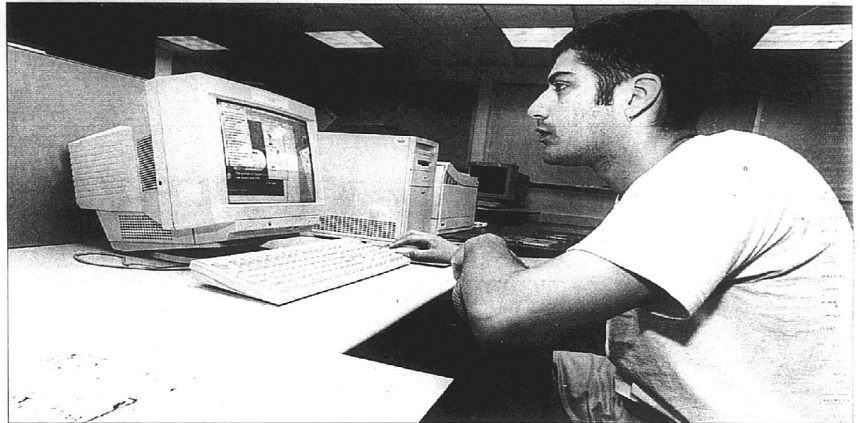
Students also will learn how to draw for advertising purposes, he said.

"They have to have a good understanding of drawing," he said.

For students who are familiar with the computer but have never drawn, the class is set up to familiarize them with the basics.

"We do approach it in a very systematic way of how to construct the head and the body," Byers said. "I teach good structure and good techniques. I teach so that it looks like what you are trying to draw and people will be able to see it."

More of the pressure is learning how to use the computer, Byers said. "It can be scary to sit in front of the computer for the first time," he said. "There is a willingness to learn the most part, but there is some resistance."



Omar Maldonado, a graphic arts student at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley, works on an original advertisement he will use in his work portfolio.

Interview Tips

Define competencies required by the job (skill and knowledge/behaviors and motivations). The most important prep work for an interview involves determining a job's requirements and preparing responses to show you can meet those requirements.

Determine if you would do well and be happy in the job by checking how well

your skills and motivations match the competency requirements. Defining your skills and behaviors will help you determine whether you can succeed in the job. Defining your motivations will help you determine which job would match your working style, the type of environment you thrive in and if you would be doing your work truly enjoy.

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